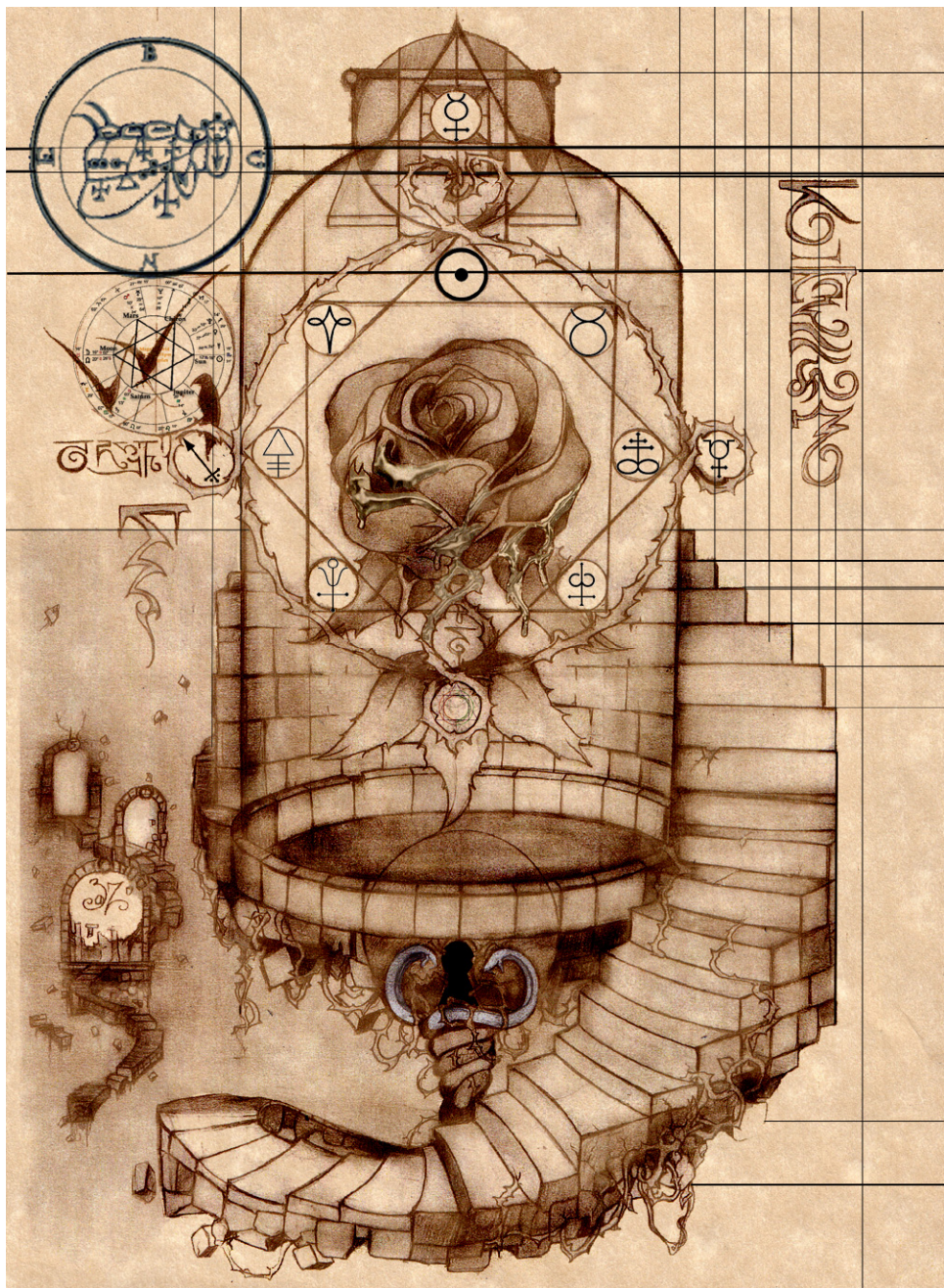


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Initiation into True Nobility

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Father Sebastian & Michelle Belanger et al in “V”

Forward

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Chapter 1: Introduction - The Gate

When roots of confusion whirl
Opportunity arises
For those who remain
With the courage to see
Through death
The Great Gate manifests
Within, without, and between

Inheriting their natural estate
Creatures move to and fro
Circle continually
Around pleasure and pain
But portal and path
Hover invisible

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Turning about on the deepest pivot
Nor turning away from what is
Connects our will with destiny
Granting us new life
Galvanizing nature
Giving us the passage
We need and desire
The right and way to feed

Eyes of Fire
Open the Gate
Of the Night Spirit
That hungers eternally
And is sated

“The greatest happiness is to scatter your enemy, to drive him before you, to see his cities reduced to ashes, to see those who love him shrouded in tears, and to gather into your bosom his wives and daughters.”

Genghis Khan

The Purpose of this Book

This Book is written for mature, thoughtful individuals who are seriously interested in becoming vampires.

Over the meandering course of centuries and peoples the term “vampire” has come to embody a plethora of meanings. Some of these definitions are symbolic, having sprouted from myth, legend, and superstition. Others, however, are more literal. While the concepts are all inter-related, we, the authors, are here concerned with only one:

“Vampires are living human predators who appropriate the bulk of their physical, psychic, and spiritual resources from others, regardless of whether or not the latter wish to submit.”

This “taking” of energetic and material substance is naturally proactive, cunningly engendered, and intrinsically multifaceted. It does

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not represent a mere indulgence of animal instinct or mindless reflex but rather a preeminently conscious - even superconscious - way of relating to the universe that can only develop out of the most profound insights.

Successful vampirism depends upon an exercise of self-control that is substantively greater than its victims can muster. Viewed as a human dynamic, the vampire lifestyle can never be purely confined to a single plane or mode. Consciousness is too complex to sustain simplistic philosophies.

In addition, there is an important psychosocial dimension to real vampirism. One cannot simultaneously be a psychic or sanguinary vampire and a member of the “cattle class.”

A living vampire meticulously observes the full continuum of both mundane and astral realities. Vampires have thoroughly honed their magical abilities and then seamlessly integrated them with more ordinary talents. They efficiently utilize the full spectrum of their powers precisely because they are invariably “other” and so range high above the common run of humanity.

Thus, the awareness and intellect of a vampire extends far outside the range of common understanding: *a developed vampire is to an ordinary person what an ordinary person is to a chimpanzee.* Given these facts, we see why medieval and renaissance occultists astutely observed that “the Magus is always a hunter of souls.”

Counterparts of human vampires in the animal kingdom are styled as “noble creatures” in every known society, tribe, and clan. Such creatures include eagles, hawks, owls, wolves, hyenas, lions, panthers, serpents, sharks, killer whales, spiders, and even disease organisms. Accordingly, as we respectfully approach the authentic Gate of Living Vampirism, we must emphasize the first Key to correct understanding and practice:

“The very notion of Nobility itself arises directly from the fount of vampirism and maintains its being therefrom as long as it remains alive.”

Oswald Spengler, one of the preeminent philosophers of history, repeatedly noted that “man is a beast of prey.” We contend that his perspective, although generally accurate, may have been unintentionally broad. Many humans may go forth on the hunt. But only a distinct minority of humans - the vampires - can truly be styled beasts of prey. The remaining majority are *their* prey.

Only those truly in charge of their lives and fates can live regularly and efficiently as predators, the rest have no alternative but to be slowly or rapidly consumed. To enable frequent satisfying repasts, the former carefully forge predominating social templates so as to maximize their success under all circumstantial pressures. The latter, ever falling into these traps, tremble in fear, attempt to flee in mind or body, and ultimately succumb. Vampires eat to thrive; others live to be eaten.

The difference between the two types of humanity - the two means and ends of living - is as great or greater than that evinced between different animal species.

The Fascination of the Vampire

It is edifying, in this connection, to digress for a moment on the burgeoning popularity of vampire lore and imagery in our post-modern milieu. Literary critics have discoursed endlessly about reasons for the vampire’s perennial attractiveness in late Western culture. From what does this seductive quality derive?

Is the vampire a basic archetype like Faust and his Victorian technocratic incarnation, Frankenstein? Is (s)he a vivified symbol of unrepressed sexuality who assimilates unholy power by denying civilization’s taboos? Or is the vampire simply another bogeyman reincarnated into stylish guise?

In fact, none of these interpretations is correct; all are hopelessly superficial. If we look closely, we find that the vampire hypnotizes us because (s)he uniquely manifests the notion of *hyper-adulthood*. Let us examine this concept more closely.

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What is a hyper-adult? Western civilization is one of the few great cultures to have evolved without a commonly accepted rite of passage from childhood to adult roles.

This is no accidental oversight but rather an integral component of how we organize social power. As our predominating religions rightly assert, divine sanction is founded upon the principle of shepherd and sheep, shearer and shorn. By correctly emphasizing the principle of salvation through belief rather than action or thoughtful contribution, these great faiths clearly point out the primary importance of purely exploitative structures.

Western metaphysics - as it is and has been lived - tells you that only by believing as you are told and meekly following instructions can you receive salvation: your acts or social contributions are unimportant. Just as the tractability of pigs and cows is of primary value to the farmer, so *the malleability of human resources is the single primary necessity to those who farm them.*

The Western Savior demands that the “little children” come unto him, that we become “like little children again” to merit his husbandry, that we enter his shepherded flock, that we realize how, through his intervention, the “meek shall inherit” his earth.

The picture now falls together: there is no universal passage rite in the West because overwhelming numbers must remain psychologically children while their bodies assume adult characteristics so they may be capable of work and reproduction.

Western society is the most powerful social structure that has ever existed solely because it is the most logically constructed. To assure that appropriate social hierarchies are maintained, we have insured that individuals who are called adults are actually no more than paedomorphs, that is, physical adults who function at a juvenile stage of development.

The corporate world perspicaciously designates such undeveloped individuals as “human resources,” that is, persons who, like grains of

rice or gallons of gasoline, are readily interchangeable and absolutely fungible. Human resources are taught compassion for others but never merit any themselves. In short, they are two-legged property, like chickens and dogs.

In all of this, of course, the vampire, the Noble, the ruler, the *real* boss, is the secret missing link, the one who both appears and acts in an adult capacity: in our societal context, the hyper-adult. Unlike ordinary people, vampires are consummate individuals. What vampires think, feel, and do is always laden with real significance. Conversely, thoughts that circulate in the herd, unless they directly endanger the social order, are dust in the wind.

Vampires are the only ones who have grown up *both* psychologically and physically. Knowing who they are and what must be done, they typify, in suitably theatric fictionalizations, the awesome abyss yawning between the legendary immortals - those who make history and whose lives possess intrinsic meaning - and the temporals - those for whom existence is essentially meaningless, and who continue their lines simply for the purpose of being used up, like so much fuel.

Vampires simultaneously terrify and fascinate, since that is precisely how the teeming sheep view their few shepherds. It is what puts the masses in their pews, mosques, and temples every week to whine, supplicate, and grovel through a vain hope of obtaining mercy from the merciless.

On a deeper level, vampires are portrayed as individuals who have successfully undergone a *genuine* rite of passage, the cornerstone of occult initiation. At this point, fact and fiction, myth and reality blend together in a profound synthesis that echoes alchemical truth.

Beginning as lead, common and worthless, the vampire has evolved into gold. Originating as dross, the vampire, through an extraordinary transmogrification, has emerged effulgent. Once a disdained object on the periphery, the vampire has become the venerable subject. Truly, the entire alchemical process is epitomized in the authentic vampire:

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the being who has remade itself into the very embodiment of divine potency.

Making a Vampire

Science and our own daily experience testify that we are much more than primates without fur. Animals are wholly prisoners of their genes, but we are not so severely constrained.

History teaches us that genetics, however influential they may be, are not inevitably congruent with destiny. *The most spectacular difference between human and all other predators lies in how the former get that way.*

While some are indeed born vampires, the remainder has worked assiduously to become vampires. If you fervently desire to enter upon the path that leads to authentic vampire status, then read on. It is for you, the exceptional individual who aspires, wills, and works tirelessly for self-elevation, that this Book has been revealed.

The ancient texts have stated that although wand-bearers are many, the chosen remain few. And indeed, only a very small number have the good fortune or sound guidance needed to effect the root vampire change, transforming what appears like an impossible dream into vibrant reality.

Having been born as whimpering prey, these rare spirits have mustered up every ounce of courage, firmly taken their innermost selves in hand, and actively transformed themselves into lordly predators. Although their heritage originally placed them squarely among the grazing herds of perennial victims, they have decided to do whatever is necessary to join the refined ranks of cosmic winners.

So this Book is, first and foremost, expressly designed for those who know in their hearts that they still have a choice.

Yet, intelligence, will, and courage are far from enough to generate the crucial turning about at the very seat of consciousness that marks the

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entrance into vampire life. More - much more - is required. Victory is never easy, especially when the stakes are set so high.

Given what has been described above, we have constructed this Book for a very limited and special audience. It has been written - *or more properly channeled* - as a practical guide for those who are fully and finally fed up with being sheep, and who therefore know deep within their souls that they are destined for much better things. It is set down for aspiring individuals who have found inner strength and profound motivation - rather than resignation and surrender - in life's vicissitudes.

Ardeth - The Made Vampire is a distinctly unusual and controversial work. *It was created to shake your old world apart and pour you into a new mold.*

If you are looking for validation of your weaknesses and foibles or to chew a mind-numbing cud of new-age pabulum about the values of universal peace, brotherhood, harmony, gentleness, forgiveness, honesty, humility, charity, and mutuality, there is nothing here for you that will not give you nightmares: close this Book now!

Similarly, if you believe that vampiristic predation is congruent with criminality, this Volume will provide absolutely no support. Criminals live on the fringes of society, vampires at its center; criminals are disaffected, vampires know how to effect contentment by continually satisfying their hungers; criminals are hated, hunted, and punished, vampires are respected, feared, and placated.

Vampires frequently and rightly annihilate criminals as acts of public sacrifice, criminals are those affixed to the altar and fed to the sacrificial fire. Last but not least: while criminals exist at the mercy of their crude instincts, vampires have honed and refined these forces to a literally preternatural degree and are their masters.

The third group that has no business reading this Book consists of the immature who, not having experienced the infinite variegations of life, are idly searching for an identity within an outré aesthetic style.

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Ardetha have little in common with “Goths” and other freakish poseurs. True Ardetha have no wish to set themselves apart through identifying marks or affectations. To them, vampirism is a hard-won treasure that they would no more display than the bejeweled and golden contents of their bank vaults.

The Guiding Principle of this Book

Ardeth - The Made Vampire is first and foremost a Book of Magick power. Created for a very gifted and self-motivated corps, this volume has been constructed with typical vampire cunning and must therefore be read in a certain way if it is to reach into the most profound abysses of your heart and work its spell. The system propounded here has operated efficiently, albeit secretly, for well over a thousand years. *If used correctly, the results are inevitable.*

To empower, the Book’s chapters are to be read and extensively contemplated in strict linear sequence, for therein is the Path opened and made accessible.

First, spend several undisturbed hours concentrating upon each chapter illustration in conjunction with the key aphorism that accompanies it. Allow the combined poetry and imagery to suffuse your entire consciousness so as to begin to unlock hitherto untapped areas of your mind.

Most of the territories thereby revealed will have few, if any, parallels with those with which you are familiar. Some of them will appear paradoxical or terrifying. Do not attempt to explain them to yourself, for this will only lead to regression on the path. Instead, allow the energies to soak into you, and assimilate them as if you were a sponge thrown into a pool of water.

Once you feel comfortable with the powers swirling around you, then carefully read the accompanying chapter text. If you have done the initial operation correctly, you will find that many of your questions have already been answered and many secret, dark places illumined.

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Only after you feel content both intellectually and emotionally should you venture on to the next chapter.

Remember: there is much more to this Book than meets the idly curious eye. It is up to you to dredge its depths and change yourself in accord with its timeless wisdom.

Carpe noctem!





Chapter 2: Communing with the Vampiristic Current

The Great Key

Only one portal separates
Ruler from subject
Hunter from hunted
Predator from prey

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Only the Great Key
Single yet chimeric
Can open that door

The Great Key is made
From invisible steel
Forged in liminal fire

Turning, it cannot be turned
Alive, it cannot be grasped
Hidden from the subtlest thought

Abiding everywhere
It belongs to the Ardetha

Who can escape
From the hook and the block?
Who can see beyond
The carrot and stick?
Who can open the Gordian Lock
Tied by the Masters?

Observe the Gate
Comprehend The Great Key
Unleash ultimate freedom!

“It is not given to us to gain insight into the fundamental principles of existence without conflicting emotions.”

Oswald Spengler

The Jungle

Consider for a few moments the pathetic life of the average person – which is in actuality, a portrait of our own lives until, having awakened, we finally make the momentous decision to follow the path of the living vampire:

Ordinary life is often compared to a rat race. But it can better be likened to casino gambling, since in a casino, the house always wins. A slaughterhouse is an even better metaphor, for no matter which way you turn or how loud you bellow, you can count on the butcher hanging your commodified carcass up at the end of the day.

A more humorous parallel is a box of breakfast cereal, where each flake briefly abides in the shining ideal of its individuality right up to the moment of ingestion.

Perhaps the most prescient comparison, however, is the jungle: a food chain quivering with sentience at every node. An untamed place where only those at the very pinnacle can afford to luxuriate in their power.

The secret of life is not nearly as hard to uncover as it is to stomach: society's rulers (most of whom are authentic, fully initiated living vampires) care as much about you as a greengrocer cares about his vegetables. Intense affection does indeed exist on that venerable vendor's part – but that solicitude has nothing whatever to do with the welfare and happiness of lettuce and tomatoes.

What makes up the sum and substance of our days on Earth? Frantically scrambling from our earliest years through a maze of educational, religious, and vocational ruts and into minefields conveniently set in front of us, we slave away as best we can in quiet desperation, believing that our petty passions have some value and always hoping for a better tomorrow that never quite arrives.

We give our resources up one after another until, our life's blood and vital energy exhausted, we are casually thrown onto a social scrap-heap that heralds nothing more than final, miserable oblivion.

Frequently we marvel at those who live at the top, comfortable, contented, beyond all manmade laws, and we are quick to believe the fairy tales they tell us about how they got there. Somehow though, their magic formulae, solemnly trumpeted through the media, never seem to work for us. And we can't quite figure out exactly why.

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Could any picture be more repulsive? Truly, those who actively adulate and eagerly embrace the ordinary life richly deserve the unmitigated agony they eventually receive.

Time, our most precious commodity, because it is the only thing that is irrevocably ours, is also the one thing we are accustomed to expend heedlessly and value least. *Although not even alive, every public authority and institution demands we make time for its needs.*

We must take time to learn reams of facts – most of them utterly useless – cow-tow to bureaucratic norms, sacrifice ourselves on prefabricated religious and political altars. In the United States, over 80 hours yearly are required just to fill out tax forms! But ever-faithful to our sheep-like nature, we hold each requirement at face value, even feeling guilt if we fail to meet standards we do not understand and quotas we had no part in setting.

Flies struggling in a spider-web, we never glimpse the awful countenance of its merciless weaver. Yet, how much truth even that impassive mask communicates!

Entrained, entangled, enthralled, and thoroughly deluded from birth to death, we seek respite in imagining that we are not subject to nature's cruel laws. We fantasize that we have evolved, that our shiny modern world is no longer the Hobbesian jungle it once was. Pundits proclaim daily how our compassionate civilization offers real shelter against our fellow man and the blind forces of the cosmos.

Thus encouraged, we “think positive” and try not to dwell on how the helpless and unwary, man and beast alike, have been ground up for countless eons. We listen to gurus who preach that “the meek shall inherit the earth” and applaud politicians and generals who tantalize us with perennially empty promises of universal peace and prosperity.

We assimilate, hypnotized, television programs and books that offer therapeutic intervention to those who have transgressed social norms by “not learning to forgive,” and “not loving enough.”

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In truth, it would be difficult to imagine a more ludicrous spectacle. Pigs and chickens on their way to the killing floor undoubtedly cling desperately to similar, albeit somewhat less sophisticated, notions.

How is it possible, then, that we can doggedly persist in such enormous - and enormously painful - error? Isn't the reality of life's jungle clear and coherent enough?

The problem lies not so much in the stupidity of the average person as in the subtlety of civilization's *camouflage*: a wonderful disguise composed of many masks forged largely through Ardetha cunning.

In this regard it is instructive to note that there is little difference between the brain power of the eagle and the rabbit that becomes its meal: all crucial distinctions lie in matters of rapaciousness, speed, power, and, above all, *disguise*.

Observe the panther or lion as it prowls for prey. It does not proclaim its role but imperceptibly skulks and lurks, totally hidden among the tall grasses until the moment comes to strike. It uses both the beauty and the complexity of the forest to hide its singular intent. Only occasionally does the great cat emerge from the undergrowth's concealment to overawe its walking lunch. Living vampires are exactly the same and provide us with a foundational lesson you must now take to heart.

Occult revelation and subsequent initiation create the font of Ardetha power. But genuine initiation commences not with the occult and esoteric but rather with the tangible situation that confronts each and every aspirant here and now.

Specifically, it begins with a thoroughgoing reevaluation of who we think we are, how we behave in our daily lives, what we really covet, and precisely what we must do to effect a significant change in our status. *By ceasing to think and act as prey, we immediately move closer to adopting the lifestyle of the predator.*

The Root of Civilized Life

Society, like a farm, is structured into two quite distinct tiers: eaters and eaten. Any other distinctions are merely superficial: whether an animal is scheduled to become steak, bacon, or lamb chops makes little difference to what role that creature actually plays in the overall scheme of things.

And exactly like a factory-farm, all social processes have been carefully organized during the last six millennia for maximum efficiency in affording the eaters the biggest gain for the least effort.

Our first and best weapon is the trap. The structure of civilized life, with its canopy of bright colors and distractions, is the most wonderful lure ever devised by the mind of man. It is an artificial forest wherein the farmer - the ultimate predator - can not only hunt at his leisure but actually fatten prey to provide satisfying meals round the clock.

Obviously, one of the most vital components of smooth social operation is insuring the long-term tractability of all beasts who are slated to grace the farmer's table and pad his bank account. We will return to this point from progressively more profound perspectives again and again, as it is *the key* to critical vampiristic transformation:

The farmer is a predator who is perpetually camouflaged.

Civilization exists only for the benefit its masters - the Ardetha - and the efficient exploitation of its victims - the deluded masses. Erected on a foundation of lies and constructed of monumental duplicity, civilization is consciously designed to function as a vast feedlot for human livestock.

Do not believe it is anything more. *Do not believe you are more than an animal.*

Frogs have been making music for their own ears for millions of years; man does the same. Bower birds have been honing their own aesthetic sense for eons; man does the same. Dolphins have been

communicating their own complex concepts since they grew large brains; man does the same. Monkeys have been using tools from the time they started dragging their knuckles; man does the same. All the vaunted talk about man's superiority over animals is pure vanity. You are no different than they.

Civilization is an illusion that has been thoughtfully and painstakingly crafted by the Ardetha. It is impressive only as a measure of the cunning that has gone into its creation.

Even a moment's thought will show that all the high flying rhetoric about civilized society is no more than a façade. Society offers the best that money can buy – so only the privileged few enjoy any benefits. Anyone with more than a room-temperature IQ and a few years of life experience knows that civilization offers no social compact, no humane mutuality, no justice except for those at the top. The buildings may be big and the vehicles quick, but we live and die today as we have always – in the grip of impersonal cosmic law. The fact that so many go to their graves believing otherwise is a testament to complete Ardetha mastery of life in the human jungle.

You are reading this book because you have at long last seen through this charade, because you are ready to throw off your chains and seize the strings of the puppet-masters.

So let us begin with a tour of the engine room, the invisible gears that turn the wheels of the whole phantasmagoric show. This is a course that has never been taught in the hallowed halls of academe. It consists of lessons that have rarely seen print, let alone media exposure. The knowledge you are about to receive has been ear-whispered and hard-won; it cannot be comprehended on a theoretical basis but requires diligent practice to come alive and empower.

Entering the Current

Like most professionals, Ardetha have traditionally created distinctions between themselves and others through the use of a few specialized yet very utilitarian terms. Of course, instead of mastering a

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trade, craft, or vocation, Ardetha have mastered the fundamentals of human interaction itself, so their terminology naturally reflects a great deal of underlying truth. This book explicates the full set of Ardeth concepts for the first time. The most basic of all these referents is: “The Current”.

“The Current” is the primary flow of natural energy that takes place at every moment both inside of us and in our objective world. Note that no difference is made between these two – because such a distinction is both arbitrary and false. You - the universe of thought that exists behind your eyes - are part and parcel of the same force that powers the universe of other people and things.

As soon as you place implicit faith in the hard-and-fast Cartesian distinction between internal and external, you start down a meretricious path. The masses take this dichotomy as obvious. From the very onset of our odyssey into vampirehood we must see it is as an error that we must assiduously avoid.

The Current nourishes and supports the jungle of life from top to bottom: to the Ardetha it *is* life. Vampires often say that predators position themselves “downstream” of The Current, so that the unwary may slip into their waiting maws. Prey do not even understand the dynamic of The Current, so they fight it constantly, exhausting themselves even as they give their presence away.

Do these parallels carry a familiar ring?

The hordes who live to be taken advantage of are considered “outside the Current.” Those who feed off of the resources gleaned from the masses are “within” or “inside the Current.” The rare individuals actively making a transition from one group to another are “wading in the tide.”

If you are alert and aware, you are saying: “Very well and good - in the abstract. But how exactly does an aspiring Ardeth set about existing within the Current?” It should be clear from the foregoing that

the process of “entering the Current” is synonymous with full initiation into the elite society of the Ardetha.

Because, as prey, we are so accustomed to thinking in Cartesian terms of subjective thought versus objective phenomena, lessons that ultimately lead to entering the Current are customarily given in pairs of complementary parts. The two portions correspond with our naïve notions of internal and external, self and non-self.

Part one of our curriculum deals with how the Ardetha must alter their social approach to others. The second part deals with how to generate one’s spiritual renewal as a living vampire. It cannot be overemphasized that these two disciplines must be learned and practiced together. For if one attempts spiritual renovation of the astral energy matrix without living a vampire’s life, one’s mind will be torn apart. Similarly, if one attempts to adopt a vampiristic lifestyle without the appropriate astral resources, one’s body will be destroyed.

Many aspiring initiates have erred simply because they did not comprehend these “two hands” of the Ardetha. Simultaneity, sincerity, and synthesis are the roots of success in this practice. As you move through this volume, you will begin by perceiving the Current with one set of eyes. *By the time you reach the concluding practices, you will be looking through the other side of things.* Although much of the vocabulary remains the same throughout, your perception of and insight into how living beings function will have been revolutionized.

Esoteric Meaning of The Current

Perhaps, the most interesting part of Entering the Current of the Ardetha is that this expression possesses not only a figurative but also a decidedly literal meaning! There really is a single pulsing current of energy that flows through the heart of life, an ever-moving, invisible engine that drives the entire jungle of existence. It creates and maintains the universal predator-prey relationship found at every level, from paramecia to people.

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Experimenters with various mental disciplines have been familiar with varying aspects of the esoteric Current for millennia. However, the rare ones who have come, all on their own, to a profound realization of its character have been quick to disguise their insights beneath a welter of moralistic dead-ends.

The yogic yamas and niyamas are perfect examples of this kind of nonsensical cover-up. Similarly, the reams of idiotic balderdash that enjoin morality upon seekers after magickal power are nothing but blinds. After all, if you suddenly discovered the master-key that unlocks the secret to ultimate power over others, would you broadcast it to the world? Or would you seek to conceal it, so that only your true disciples could access it?

Whether one is formally brought into the society of the Ardetha or stumbles upon its secrets by happenstance, the net result is always the same: one becomes an Ardeth initiate. The truth - if it is the truth - is the same for all.

As explained above, you will be taught in this chapter how to pragmatically access and recognize the esoteric Current, first within yourself and then externally. As with any new practice, the greatest difficulty lies at the beginning. But as you become progressively more familiar with the Current's manifestations, your insight into the motivations of yourself and others will undergo a radical enhancement. Eventually, you will gain control of the Current's underlying flow - an event that will reverse your destiny as prey object and transform it into that of predator.

The Current as Vital Energy

You are a beast - a most complex and conniving beast to be sure - but still irrevocably subject to jungle law: eat or be eaten. Consciously perceiving and connecting to the Current within is establishing a direct line to your primordial self: your deepest, purest, most animalistic nature.

Unlike a nonhuman creature, you can consciously decide what your orientation is to the Current. But the crucial first step is clear, consistent perception - sensible awareness - of the actual Current itself. For members of the masses, lucid sensing of the Current is fuzzy at best.

And, no matter what your philosophy, *unless you are already an initiated Ardeth, be assured that you are presently operating against the Current!* Only after you have completely familiarized yourself with this root energy, can you understand how to systematically utilize it to gain consistent, significant advantage over others.

As you begin, you should accustom yourself to viewing your internal Current as identical to the flow of your vital energy.

Some of you may be acquainted with the notion of vital energy through studying Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), QiGong, or certain types of martial art. Chinese-based disciplines call this vital energy Qi (pronounced Chee). Indian and Tibetan yogis refer to it as Prana. A few gifted individuals can ascertain the condition of someone's vital energy by seeing and interpreting auras. All of these concepts are aiming at precisely the same phenomenon.

The Current within you is the wellspring of your life energy, whether you are predator or prey. However, predator and prey are oriented toward this energy in diametrically opposing ways. While The Current is found in both animate and inanimate objects, only the living can actively modify its course. And among the living, only humans can consciously reverse its long-term polarity. Such far-reaching change is wrought first by *revamping one's emotional reflexes*, because emotions are the most obvious connections we have to the Current.

The concepts elaborated above constitute elementary Ardeth theory. They provide a necessary intellectual background to deal with what will occur when you commence actual practice. Before going on, reread these principles carefully, until you understand them thoroughly.

Preliminaries to the Exercises

After you have become acquainted with some of the basics of Ardeth thought, it is time for you to make the first decision in a series. *Do you truly wish to tread on this path?* Do you really want to put the life you have been living, the life of a big-headed, two-legged sheep behind you forever? Superficially, the answer may seem simple, but I caution you that it is not.

You see, Ardetha are not styled as an elite for nothing. Most people feel intense dissatisfaction with their lives at various times, but they are still cattle at heart. The last thing they want is to rise above the herd mentality and assume responsibility for sharpening their own teeth and sating their own hunger. While Ardetha are made and not born, only a small minority of aspirants are able to come to grips with the full import of what is required and how they must effect personal changes necessary for success.

The passage into Ardeth life is a series of progressively challenging trials. At a certain point, there is no going back - so if you stop at that point, you will be in danger of losing your mental equilibrium altogether. As noted previously, this is a manual for rulers, not an invitation to criminality or madness. Think hard before embarking upon the journey!

The First Steps

Below you will find a series of simple initial exercises designed to put you into direct touch with the Current as it functions within your own personal mind-body complex.

Later exercises will build upon insight and ability gleaned through earlier ones. So be sure to go through them in the order given; do not rush, and do not skip ahead. Settle comfortably into the understanding provided by one exercise before you move on to the next. If you backslide, begin again from a stable base.

The first trio of exercises will greatly assist you in identifying the Current as a manifestation of your own unique bodily energy. If you have some experience in martial or meditative disciplines, you may find the beginning exercises quite easy. However, don't worry if you have nothing of that nature in your background. Those starting with a "clean slate" are actually in a very favorable position, as they are not approaching Ardeth truth with a heavy burden of moralistic garbage to unlearn.

The most vital points for *all* the exercises in this book are:

(1) Look only for the specific signs mentioned. Do not expect a particular experience or insight. True understanding will always come in ways that you could never have imagined.

(2) Do not anticipate what will occur or how. *Anticipation is the single greatest obstacle to profound realization.* Whenever you hold onto habitual thought-patterns that whisper what's coming next, you are automatically blinded to the reality before you. Since all your mental habits up to this point are those of the inferior masses, your expectations are inevitably misleading.

(3) Perform the exercises precisely as instructed without adding or omitting anything. All of the exercises require time, energy, creativity, and courage, but none demand expensive or unusual paraphernalia.

(4) If severely disturbed or unable to proceed through an exercise in the fashion indicated, stop. Return to the exercise at a more opportune time. Failure is part of life for both predator and prey. Do not rationalize your failure to complete an exercise! Over-intellectualization keeps losers and victims firmly bound to the Ardeth rack: it is comparable to a leash that a dog puts on himself.

(5) Take feelings of extreme exhilaration and terror in stride. They are quite normal for aspirants brave enough to attempt these exercises. Hope and fear are the building-blocks for ordinary life and also the primary tools of the living vampire. Like bars on a cage, they now hold you captive. But eventually you will learn how to take these bars

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and build cages for others with them. The education of Ardetha teaches how first to transcend and then skillfully manipulate these tools. This is the only way to proceed.

(6) Do not mistake a little progress for the ultimate goal: keep your ego in check. No matter how effectively you have accomplished the exercises, you are still not a made vampire until and unless you have received full Demonic initiation. To claim Ardeth status before you can function as one is the height of folly and will quickly lead to most unpleasant consequences. Titanic spiritual mentors of the Ardetha supervise your progress even if you are not aware of them; do not trifle with them or presume to know better.

Internal Current Perception via Memory: Exercise One

(1) Sit quietly and alone in a dimly-lit room. Relax. Dwell entirely within your own body, and focus all of your attention there. Center upon the continuous process of your own breathing until you feel calm and grounded. If your thoughts and emotions are too restless to permit calmness, stop straining, and try the exercise at another time.

(2) Once your mind is undisturbed, quickly recall the most painful and unpleasant incident of your whole life. Delve into it totally. Relive it as vividly as you can while simultaneously observing changes in how your body - as a whole or in parts - feels.

Some of the sensations to look for are: heat, cold, tingling, crawling, tightness, pain, itching, or explosiveness. Observe where such feelings are, where they are generated, how they move, and how they tend to interact with your emotions.

Maintaining concentration on the peculiar sensations detailed above, slowly stand up with your knees slightly bent and hands hanging loosely at your sides. Have the internal feelings changed? How?

(3) Now quickly shift your attention to the most pleasant incident that has ever happened to you. Take note of how difficult this reversal is, and precisely *what seems to be working against this sudden turn-about*

of mood. Again closely monitor your body's internal sensations and reactions. After a few minutes, resume sitting and stay focused on what is happening inside.

(4) Now fully return to the neutral state of calm in (1). Remain open to whatever additional changes occur in your bodily sensations.

(5) Repeat (1) through (4) on several different occasions until you have a clear perception of how your vital energy immediately tunes into and reinforces strong emotions of happiness and discomfort. *Take careful note of what occurs when positive emotions shift into negative and vice-versa.*

Current Perception via Experience: Exercise Two

(1) The next time you find yourself immersed in an unpleasant situation of any kind - intense frustration, anger, melancholy, fear, pain, etc. - use the focus gained via Exercise One to concentrate on the sensations within your body.

(2) Once you have a clear impression from (1), try to change some arbitrary aspect of these sensations. For example, if you feel constriction in your upper torso, attempt to loosen it or move it to another part of your body. If your arms tingle, try to shift the feeling into heat.

(3) As you put effort into (2), note any accompanying change in your emotional state. Can you see the seamless connection that previously went entirely unnoticed?

(4) Do (1) through (3) when facing a very pleasant situation, e.g. a sexual encounter.

Evaluation of the Exercises

After conducting these exercise a few times to get the hang of it, you will obtain a distinct impression of an electric-like movement of energy that parallels your emotions.

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No two people will experience it in the same way. The one thing you can count on is: your present way of dealing with this internal current is the way of the masses. But *now you have an emotionally neutral, energetic “handle” on it, where heretofore it was something that simply happened to you.*

Your goal is to permanently alter the passive mode of relating to The Current - and thus to your emotions. As you accomplish this, the ostensibly external current, the force that continually creates and maintains various situations in your immediate environment, will also change its character. Upcoming chapters in the book will deal with this remarkable synthesis and integration of forces.

As you proceed chapter by chapter, you will come to see how the distinctions that we make between internal and external are more ignorant conveniences than realities.

Crush the Clichés

Many fluffy-bunny new-agers would have you believe that “*you create your own reality.*” Although this is a lie - have them walk through a wall or materialize a 24-karat gold bar, if you doubt that - their cliché obliquely points toward a truth. Initiated living vampires are acutely sensitive to situational dynamics. By observing precisely how The Current moves in, around, and through others, (s)he can shape motivations so as to become the exploiter rather than the exploited.

The world of the living vampire is entirely unlike the world of the ordinary person. Not only is it more aesthetically satisfying, it also gives immediate access to knowledge and power that have no counterpart in mundane existence.

This is the true basis of vampire lore. Members of the common herd are impotent because they are already dead to the beautiful, terrifying jungle that encompasses them. Since they are incapable of understanding the laws of nature, they remain helpless in the grip of those who are not so unfortunate.

On the other hand, *living vampires are never called dead but rather **undead***. Having risen from the common grave of gross ignorance by the sheer force of their own volition, they have immediately assumed a supernatural power that strikes awe into the uninitiated.

Aware of precisely how the jungle works, the living vampire is in a unique position to stalk and trap the unwary. Such superiority, however, must be hidden if it is not to fatally betray its possessor. So the vampire blends in, increasing the anxiety of those who know of him/her but can do nothing about it.



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The Crucible

Where white-hot passion flares within
The Crucible of Flesh embraces
Those who see
But consumes
The blind

No mortal thought rises to shield
That searing flame of
Your heart's furnace

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So the many melt
That the few may be molded

Power rests in fire
And rule in a burning wind

What is false and true
Sinter to one
Life
A bright flowing stream

Those who say
Life is a dream
Have never been scorched
They await death
With sighs of horror

While
The Masters of Life
Imperturbable, inscrutable
Reach forth from the Crucible

“Lust is to the other passions what the nervous fluid is to life; it supports them all, lends strength to them all; ambition, cruelty, avarice, revenge, are all founded on lust.”

Marquis De Sade

The Root Meaning of Sexual Energy

...Successful marketers and the Ardetha (many of whom are identical) count on the fact that “sex sells.” Are you happy just buying...or do you want to start booking your profits? Sex offers the aspiring vampire his or her first real working tool: a precision instrument carrying the potential to extract massive amounts of living energy and enforce domination over others. For the bold and dedicated, its utilization is not difficult. But even a tool as simple as a hammer must be wielded properly to be effective...

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Because sex is natural, we find its manifestations all around us. We have learned to take it for granted, like sunlight and wind, believing that we understand it. And like pigs luxuriating in mud, we are fond of abandoning ourselves to it; those who have wallowed around a little often consider themselves worldly sophisticates.

Our social milieu validates this meretricious sense of contented comprehension by encouraging us to view dry physiology and titillating erotica as complementary arcs fully circumscribing the entire universe of sexual experience.

In fact, sex is much more than waves of blissful sensations or titers of glandular fluids. It is the living vampire's fire, an incredible vehicle for magickal creation and destruction. A dark flame that burns white-hot, it remains concealed beneath multiform layers of delusion and obsession. Only the Ardetha can reliably access the dangerously roiling ember, harnessing its surging currents to serve their ends.

The rulers of our cultural order do not want you to understand anything important about sex: you remain numb to its true potentials since sexuality's most superficial and duplicitous aspects are constantly dangled before you, like a carrot in front of a donkey.

Precisely because sex is primordial and ubiquitous, we have been carefully trained to ignore its most salient features. That way we spend the better part of our lives trotting here and there within the tiny cages of our sexual frustrations rather than triumphantly culling its prizes.

Initiated Ardetha, in particular, count on your fundamental ignorance of sex in order to lead you by the nose.

As one of their first challenges, aspirants to the Ardetha ranks must thoroughly shake loose this restrictive conditioning that shackles the masses. They must perform what amounts to sexual Aikido, turning rushing instincts into weapons. To do this, they must awake to the true nature of sexual instinct. This chapter will begin to profoundly transform your perspectives, so you can not only see sexuality in

another light - as the Ardetha invariably do - but also make use of its power in heretofore undreamt-of ways.

Your instruction in proactive Ardetha magickal technique will also commence with this chapter, and ample opportunities will arise for you to repeatedly test the sublime efficacy of such methods for yourself.

You will finally be able to get an authentic taste of how Ardetha life feels - from the inside. On the other hand, many readers will want to run away when confronting their own capacities so unequivocally, realizing that Ardetha truths are simply too frightening for their herd-bred comfort.

The Sexual Underpinnings of Consciousness

Each and every one of us is a direct byproduct of sex: despite the interminable streams of preachers' moralizing pronouncements and politicians' frothy rhetoric there really is no way to deny, rationalize away, or falsify this very basic fact of life.

Note the accompanying elementary lesson here: Ardetha - that is, the prominent preachers and politicians - must always expend the greatest effort to hide the perfectly obvious! Still, one need not be a genius to see that driving lust is the single universal glue of conscious existence, expanding the species, binding one individual entity to another, and ultimately generating group cohesion.

Animals do most of their fighting over sexual territory, making the battlefield of sex a scene perpetually awash in bloody competition. No truces are ever called in this biological conflict, and the winner usually takes all. Unlike oil, coal, and gas, sex is a wellspring of energy that never runs short.

Recall the lesson of the prior chapter: When it comes to sex, humans are no different than their bestial counterparts. But, of course, they have brought the full weight of their mental capacities to bear on the matter, thus carrying the ancient warfare for sexual primacy into new

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and highly complex realms. It is a cliché in prisons that only two factors account for serious crime: money and sex. In reality, the two are virtually identical.

Those in our society who possess the most money usually have the freedom to interact with the greatest number of sexually desirable individuals in ways they most enjoy. Henry Kissinger aptly noted: “Power is the greatest aphrodisiac.” In our culture, money is the epitome of potency.

One of the greatest Ardetha “secrets” is that elements which ordinarily appear entirely different are intimately and inexorably linked: thus money is the prime social index of human value, while sexual success serves as society’s principal vehicle of physical perpetuation. Offspring of valued individuals become cultural leaders automatically: witness the Ivy Leagues’ centuries-old policy of “legacy admission.”

Through coordinated stratagems and occult techniques, initiated Ardetha systematically ration money and sexual fulfillment (simultaneously insuring that they themselves maintain a continuing surplus of both!) to weave intricate webs of manipulative tension across every social stratum, webs that naturally respect and serve the presence of their makers, responding to their slightest touch.

The Ardetha accomplish their aims through the synchronized employment of ruthlessness, cunning, and magick. A popular contemporary - and quite wealthy - occultist recently noted that “Money and magick don’t mix.” He is, of course, an adept well-acquainted with the key Ardetha precept:

One lie embedded amidst ninety-nine truths will deceive better than a hundred lies.

Knowing this, the aspiring Ardeth should learn, as early as possible, to look upon sex realistically as a tool, rather than an end unto itself. Sex and material wealth are inexorably connected: from the outset, never separate the two in your own mind. Ironically, such an attitude, rather

than inducing aloofness and frigidity, inevitably results in vastly expanded sexual encounters and accompanying sensual gratification.

With the sex energy correctly sensed and directed as part of the overall vampiric current, one may easily learn to ingratiate him- or herself into desirable social circles where entry would normally be impossible. Similarly, the conscious generation of sexual obsession can and does create willing slaves, sexual and otherwise. Sex can also be used to ignite violent jealousy for the elimination of enemies or the distraction of competitors at crucial moments.

Sex and Love

The average person believes that sex and love are tied together. (S)he assumes that sex somehow validates or strengthens love. Ardetha know better: love is a pleasant sentimental indulgence that may or may not be earned, but sex is simply the upwelling of a polarized energy. The fact that the masses constantly mix the two up is an added benefit, since living vampires can use sexual confusion to forge invisible chains and generate valuable conflicts.

The author is aware of a number of people who have destroyed themselves for “love”; he cheerfully expedited a few of these by creating obsessing talismans. As all predators know, there is no more wonderful exhilaration than the experience of a clean kill – and romantic suicide is positively immaculate.

Acquiring Power Through the Sex Act

A consideration of sex and love is probably the best place to begin experiencing deep Ardeth feeding. The most elementary vampiric act directly utilizes sexual energy for magickal purposes and may be comprehended according to the following general outline:

(1) The Ardeth employs sexual activity to transfer a vampiristic sigil into the dynamic subconscious thereby

(2) Extracting vital energy from his/her partner and then

(3) Utilizing this current to efficiently

(a) bind the partner for further energetic exploitation plus

(b) the accomplishment of some goal (which may or may not be directly related to vampirism).

In the whole of the foregoing magickal operation sigilization emerges as the critical key. In effect, it opens and subsequently maintains a channel whereby the partner unwittingly pours psychic energy toward the vampire's objective.

Because the partner is usually committed to the herd's idiotic notion of sex=love, (s)he is virtually enslaved. Feeding upon a partner's vital force then evolves into a systematic and unconscious process. No longer a haphazard affair, deep feeding becomes perfectly reliable. The Ardeth acquires a convenient outlet for sexual desire but gains energy instead of losing it in the sexual act, as increasing amounts of the partner's force are applied to the vampire's other needs.

As noted previously, Ardetha generally feed from many partners, so they can direct a virtually limitless amount of energy to whatever ends they like without becoming exhausted. This accounts for their atypical health, longevity, and attractiveness.

The Sigil: A Brief History and Background

As you can see, the so-called "sigil" is the vital hub of Ardeth sexual magick. What is a sigil and how does it operate?

Sigilization is a process first fully elaborated by A.O. Spare in the early part of the 20th century. Spare was the first to clearly note that magickal operations, whatever their cultural origins, work exclusively through the vehicle of the subconscious mind.

All the elaborate orations and trappings of ceremonial magicians, shamans, sorcerers, etc. are designed solely to bypass the conscious mind so as to directly address the subconscious, the animalistic root

wherein psychic power is generated to ultimately erupt into the world of “objective” phenomena.

Spare realized that *the conscious component of one's mind is actually at odds with the subconscious most of the time*; thus, despite our best intentions - or perhaps because of them - we hamstring our own magickal work again and again.

What was needed - and Spare supplied - was a simple, reliable process whereby the subconscious could be petitioned directly, so he invented the relatively modern concept of sigilization. Spare's work reflects genuine magickal genius, easy for anyone to grasp and uncluttered by dogma.

To enable this process, the practitioner's desires must first be encoded into a compelling cryptic design (or mantra): the sigil. Virtually no skill is needed for this. Once the simple encoding has been accomplished, the effectiveness of the magickal operation then depends primarily upon two factors:

- (1) the ability of the practitioner to forget the meaning of the sigil (if only temporarily) and
- (2) the practitioner's capacity to expose the sigil unaltered to the perspicacious depths of the subconscious.

Although (2) may appear to be a serious theoretical sticking-point, it is not so in practice. In fact, there are innumerable ways to effect both (1) and (2). Frequently, the best methods rely on achieving the pair simultaneously through ecstatic practices, sexual consummation being the most readily accessible.

By concentrating upon the sigil during sexual climax, the superficial conscious mind is momentarily held in abeyance while the key pattern automatically imprints itself straight into abyssal depths of the psyche.

There are numerous books covering every aspect of the theory and practice of sigilization, and it is not this author's intent to go over old

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ground or reinvent this magickal wheel. Suffice it to say that Spare himself was quite familiar with living vampirism and probably derived a fair portion of his insights from relations with members of the Ardeth community.

Remember: the centerpiece of sigil magick is the creation of a simple graphic that will accurately represent one's desire to the subconscious mind without triggering the abortive censorship of everyday consciousness.

Practical Operation

We will now consider the exact steps needed for sigilic vampirism. Follow them carefully, always staying aware of the energy flow within and outside of yourself as detailed in previous chapters. Such awareness will eventually develop into a true sixth sense, guiding your steps on the path and refining your knowledge.

The first step is to get involved with a sexual partner - your first prey item as an aspiring Ardetha adept - as quickly as possible. Don't be picky: after all, did you bother to establish a meaningful relationship with the hog that supplied your bacon for this morning's breakfast?

The best people to vampiristically exploit are those who are the most insecure: usually this means the ugliest or the prettiest. The former cling to the hope that someone - anyone - might not find them loathsome, the latter live in fear that someone just might. Stay open to body language and energy as you probe for these hidden terrors.

How best to locate a donor? Although we will cover the fine points of ingratiating oneself into mainstream communities in later chapters, you should be aware that some of the best places for living vampires to find prospective energy donors often seem the most unlikely or repulsive. For example, church activities, charity events, and addiction support groups are wonderful places to scavenge for new lifeblood, whereas eligible prospects who frequent singles bars and goth extravaganzas are quite likely to be paranoid or mentally disturbed. Conversely, attendees at the former venues tend to be wonderfully

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open and gullible to anyone sharing their fatuous idealism. Make sure you graciously appear to fit the bill!

Future chapters will spend time focusing on how best to practice the fine art of deception and create a convincing illusion of gentleness, humanitarianism, and empathetic concern. For now, do your best to exercise whatever simulacra you may possess of such faculties so as to bed your target as quickly as possible. And be certain to take careful note of his/her name.

Some hours or days before the act, take some time to create the master-sigil for this operation. Begin by writing the following sentence exactly as set down below, filling in the blank space with the target's name in capital letters:

I WILL FEED ON _____'S LIFE FORCE, MAKING IT MY OWN!

Now rewrite the entire sentence, omitting all spaces, punctuation, and repeating letters. For example, I WILL FEED is immediately transformed into:

IWLFD

When you have finished, unleash your imagination to create a striking design with the remaining string of letters. Emphasize symmetry, if you can. Don't rush; give your aesthetic sense free reign to generate a pattern that cryptically embodies the entire string. Play with several variations and ideas. Your inner feelings will let you know when you've hit pay-dirt. This is your primary sigil!

If used properly the sigil you have just created will provide a crucial lever into the heretofore hidden world of the living vampires. Draw it on a separate piece of paper no more than 1-2 inches wide with a circle surrounding it, and destroy the paper used to write the original sentence and the subsequent steps used to arrive at the pattern.

Now only the encircled sigil exists.

Place the sigil so that it is easily seen as you proceed with intercourse; ideally a candle or charcoal incense burner should be nearby. At the

moment of climax concentrate hard on the sigil. Toss the sigil into the candle flame as soon as possible after your sexual tension has been completely released.

Then direct your attention entirely toward other matters so as to forget about the whole business for at least the next three hours.

The Secret Mind/Body Control Point

Make no mistake, sex magick is one of the weightiest weapons in any sorcerer's arsenal. However, beginners often give up on such procedures, like the technique detailed above, because they get too caught up in the moment, even though their underlying motivation has been correctly established.

The heat generated by intense moments of lust, especially just prior to climax, has derailed more than a few promising occult triumphs. Sanctimonious commentators on the occult scene have even gone so far as to assert in print that sex magick takes years of practice and should only be attempted by the most experienced occultists. This, of course, is pure hogwash.

Ardetha, along with "inner-chamber" students of QiGong and certain other vital energy-based disciplines, have long known of an easy way to "get a handle" on surging physical passion so that it may be appropriately harnessed. Thinking about the ugliest person you know, a pile of road-kill, a baseball game, or a math problem generally won't do the trick, for should the hideously distracting thought take hold, the overwhelming intensity of the climactic instant - which is exactly what we are striving to attain - is immediately lost. On the other hand, it is in itself difficult to interject ideas wholly unrelated to sex squarely into the midst of an intimate encounter.

The secret to perfect mental control at these crucial times lies in the body's own system of energy channels and pressure points, specifically in one single point!

This exceptional key point lies at the junction of the three principal acupuncture meridians and is called the *Huiyin* by Chinese therapists and martial artists. To Western medicine it is known as the *perineum*. It is conveniently located in a tiny hollow at the very bottom of the torso, between the genital area and anus.

No complicated visualizations or in-depth knowledge is needed to activate this point in the service of your magickal works; just follow these simple steps to gain complete mental lucidity despite maximum arousal:

- Sometime before your operation of sex magick commences, physically locate your own Huiyin so you can distinctly feel it.
- As you approach climax, expand your awareness slightly to include the vigorous sensations at your Huiyin. It's right there anyway!
- Spend 1-2 seconds visualizing all of your exploding sexual energy flowing into the Huiyin, as if the Huiyin were a tornado sucking everything up.
- Your mind will suddenly rise above the primitive reactions of the moment and be free to both enjoy the act and concentrate upon the sigil.

Results and Follow-Up

Within a day or two, you should notice a dramatic increase in your vital energy: proof-positive that the sigil has entered the deep subconscious and begun to work. The energetic influx will be reflected in, among other things, an unusual feeling of invigoration coupled with an inclination to increase your activity level. You may even be drawn to acts of recklessness or daring that otherwise would never appear compelling.

While it is not necessary to have further social or sexual relations with your original target for this energy channel to be maintained, the

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authors recommend that you do so for personal edification and valuable vampiristic practice.

In particular, carefully note the psychological changes that your operation has wrought in your partner: generally there is a markedly increased “clinging” to you and a certain lassitude when in your presence. Now you can observe at first-hand how the traditional nonsense about mooning lovesickness is truly engendered and also whence the legend of the vampire’s hypnotic presence originated.

Have fun teaching yourself to play with and upon these mindless emotions so as create a full-fledged “love-slave.” As your partner’s vital force drains more quickly into your mind-body complex, you will obtain many deep insights into the whys and wherefores of Ardeth life.

As your target gradually devolves into little more than an energetic appendage, you must guard against becoming caught up in sentimental notions of reciprocation. Francois Duvalier accurately summed up one of the most important Ardetha principles which cannot be too strongly reiterated here:

Gratitude is cowardice.

The phrase is far more than a clever literary construction; it is an implicit admonition. Understand that, after the operation of sigil magick described above, if you are careless enough to get caught up in the so-called “give and take of love” you will automatically suffer the most horrendous consequences.

If you are heedless of this advice, vampiristic currents set up by the sigil you have created will short-circuit back to you, precipitating rapid mental and physical deterioration. In effect, you will be eating your own flesh and drinking your own blood! Thus, it is always safer to end the relationship with your target completely than run headfirst against the magickal rip-currents that you have set in motion.

The Vampire’s Pyramid

A fine way to insure that all induced vital flows do not adversely deviate from your original stratagems is to channel the full power of

your victim's energy toward another magickal goal altogether. This allows you to obtain emotional "breathing-space" from your victim/partner while further honing your occult skills.

Begin by planning what end you would like to magickally accomplish with your newly found surplus of life-force. Goals can range from mundane (e.g. a new car) to esoteric (e.g. a more profound comprehension of the Demonic realms).

It should be noted in this connection that many Ardetha are particularly fond of pyramiding their vampiristic profits, just as they do with material ones. A typical goal for such an individual in an operation like this would be, for example, many additional opportunities for vampirism.

Once again, write out your wish in capital letters, making the request as specific as possible. Never use negative phraseology in sigilization; the subconscious is too atavistic to understand it. For instance, change something like "No woman will resist my efforts to take her life-force" to:

**I WILL HAVE FIVE WOMEN OFFER THEIR VITAL
ENERGY TO ME**

You can leverage the first sigil's effect via another sigil either through a sexual encounter with a different partner, masturbation, pain/fear, or the classic Spare technique of the "death posture."

If you choose a sexual route, use the same method outlined above, with or without a partner.

Or you can stare intently at the sigil and cut or hurt yourself. Or bungee jump while visualizing the sigil.

The "death posture" - the original way that Spare employed to "fire off" or "cast" his sigils - is potent but not easily pulled off. It involves producing exhaustion and hyperventilation until you black-out. Spare favored standing on tiptoe hands behind his back, straining his head

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and neck upwards, and breathing spasmodically. Others are partial to spinning around wildly, then receiving a powerful bear-hug from a cohort.

Whatever the method, visualize your sigil vividly in the instant preceding unconsciousness or ecstasy.

Keep in mind also that no matter how you achieve the necessary firing-off, you must “seal” the operation by completely forgetting about it immediately afterwards. When you wake up or finish, put the whole thing out of your conscious mind by occupying your time with unrelated activities like watching a movie, playing a game, or reading a book.

By the way, drugs or alcohol cannot be used to facilitate the death posture or other types of sigil activation because they necessarily generate gross or subtle bias in the operator’s mental state, warping what must be an absolutely clear, open, natural channel into the subconscious.

Whatever the method, you can now successfully piggyback your original vampiristic feast into many more. As each new channel opens, incredible vistas of power and understanding will be made readily available to you. In fact, the intoxicated feeling emanating from such energy pyramiding has completely dead-ended many aspiring Ardetha. Having achieved emotional and physical satiation beyond their wildest imaginings, they lose any motivation to proceed further on a challenging path.

You, of course, must decide for yourself when - or if - enough is enough. Achievement of the Ardeth state is not merely reflective of basic competence but rather of preeminent mastery. And sexual sigilization is only one of a spectrum of techniques that must ultimately be mastered.

Sexual Vampirism in Theory and Practice

Ardetha understand that the herd always mistakes the superficial for the real. Just as thousands of cattle unthinkingly follow the same

Judas-goat down the ramp into the slaughtering pen, millions of bipedal feeder-folk shuffle into sexual liaisons with no understanding whatever of the energetic cyclones that underlie it.

Driven by hormonal passion, entranced by the pleasure of sexual activity alone, and thoroughly stupefied by utopian fantasies of love, altruism, and openness, they have for eons formed an infinite stream of malleable energy for living vampires.

To take optimum advantage of this situation, learn to always approach potential sexual encounters with an ulterior magickal motive. Turn a deaf ear to the siren-songs of romance; instead compose a few yourself to better trap blissfully ignorant donors' vital force.

Most important, repeatedly practice the art of sexual sigilization as outlined above. Practice makes perfect. Your personal goals should be clear and consistent:

- First and foremost, tap your initial partners to the max. Let all of their energy flow into you and serve your purposes. Watch and enjoy how they react and finally wither.
- Prioritize your desires so that you can be edified by both success and failure. Look to satisfy both your material and spiritual needs; do not neglect one side for the other.
- Relax into the predatory mentality that is the *sine qua non* of Ardetha life.
- Keep your achievements in perspective. No matter how powerful you think you are, realize that there is always a “faster gun” lurking nearby.



Chapter 4: The Arcana of Circulata

Wings of Mercury

Three unite
To Form the All
Salt, Sulfur, and Mercury
Consciousness and what lies beyond
The ring of Firelight

ARDETH – THE MADE VAMPIRE

Bound to the Earth eternally
Salt crystallizes with birth and
Dissolves at death
The stuff of shells
It seizes but cannot move,
Tastes but has no taste

Sulfur is the I,
The ego's hub upon which all phenomena
Revolve and change
It watches, reaching forth
Augmenting
To give itself substance

Mercury glides effortless
Through victimizer and victim
Owned by no one
Elusive for the latter
Property of the former

Cowards gasp at a mask of horror
While the brave glimpse a tender countenance
Only the Vampire knows Mercury
Feeling its wingbeats within

Through the great Circle of Three
It flies
Never alighting for
Even a moment

“Meditation is attained when the mind has overcome and fully controlled its natural inclination to consider diverse objects and becomes intent upon a single one.”

Patanjali

“Do not look high and walk low.”

Yang Jwing-Ming

Circulation of Energy

Superficially, Ardetha appear to resemble the mass of humanity all around them, but this is a gross misperception. The living vampire does not mind such mistakes; in fact, (s)he welcomes and actively encourages them, since (s)he could not pass freely across society's ample feedlot were the truth known.

But what elements really make living vampires so different? It is important for aspiring Ardetha to understand that all preternaturally-initiated rulers of our culture - the great living vampires - embody an extremely radical outlook upon interpersonal dynamics.

Just as an eagle or panther gazes out at their prey - and indeed all living things about them - with a unique vision, so the vampire routinely observes the common rabble with a hunter's steely eye. As noted in prior chapters, the reader must realize that this expression too is much more than poetic metaphor.

The Ardeth's special way of seeing marks the beginning of a lifestyle available only to an elect. Acquiring it is a vital step toward vampiristic mastery and subsequent entry into the community of people whose lives actually matter. No living vampire can long survive unless (s)he has undergone a complete change of heart. Specifically, (s)he must move from thinking like garbage to thinking like one who throws out garbage.

What does this imply for the aspiring Ardeth? First off, the active everyday personal interface between the living vampire and his or her world - a component normally ignored - must be definitively recognized as very different from that of ordinary people. Ardetha have simultaneously transformed both their attitude and inner vision so they may automatically assume the role of predator. Except in peculiar instances *this fundamental shift in outlook never arises naturally of itself but rather is created* through the force of repeated, intensive acts for the deliberate circulation of predatory energy: *Circulata*.

But exactly what are Circulata? This is a most secret term of art that Ardetha have ever held in the highest esteem. Most occultists, however, have never even heard the word; until now its scope has never been fully revealed.

Circulata derive from the closely-guarded, ear-whispered lore of those who originally quested in search of the philosopher's stone. Circulata are those exquisite processes which rapidly transmogrify the mundane into the supernal, the common into the rare, and the worthless into the precious.

Deceptively simple in their formulation, Circulata are the vehicles that can empower change from one species into another. Thus, their closely guarded methods have been handed down in vampiristic oral lineages for millennia.

The word "Circulata" is the traditional plural form of "circulation," an old alchemical referent implying *repeated distillations of the same substance* so as to bring the resultant product into the highest possible state of refinement. In this way, a particular energy that resides in its crude, diluted form is reinforced again and again until it assumes an unprecedented focus and power.

An identical principle is at work in the modern laser, wherein a single frequency of light from a relatively incoherent source is repeatedly energized until it is transformed into a blazing, penetrating, fully coherent beam.

Wine, no matter how or where it is produced, through the process of circulation is soon exalted into pure alcohol, a substance regarded by adepts as the alchemical mercury of the plant kingdom. The aspiring vampire, no matter what his or her original background, becomes through the process of Circulata an incipient ruler, a thoroughgoing predator.

The exercising of Circulata insures the living vampire smooth and efficient function at whatever social strata may be necessary. In effect, these operations provide the life-sustaining oil for the Ardeth machine.

Therefore, Circulata must be practiced at the start of the journey and persisted in to the very end.

Extracting the Vampire's Mercury

Exactly how do we go about the performing the crucial operations of Circulata? And what precisely is being circulated?

The notion of alchemical circulation is very ancient; all cultures are familiar with it to some degree. To render a substance “philosophical,” i.e. of a fineness and purity suitable for transformatory work, the alchemist had to pass it through a closed loop of distillations over and over again.

The final product was alchemical Mercury: the catalyst of all desired change.

Even a quick perusal of old alchemic texts will reveal the apparatus utilized for this service. Sometimes they were self-contained vessels called pelicans; usually they consisted of several flasks connected by tubes, arranged so that the product of a distillation, once freed of its impurities, was immediately brought back to boiling.

The more turns a substance took through this positive feedback loop, the subtler were the impurities purged and the more pristine the ultimate product.

Those hermetic old alchemists were not fools; in fact, they were frequently employed by many courts not only to provide gold - or a suitable likeness thereof - to the royal treasuries but also potent medicaments for the restoration of health and even youth.

These scholars understood a basic fact of nature that has only recently been rediscovered. In our contemporary cultural milieu, physicists and mathematicians recognize positive feedback loops as the primary generators of fractals.

Whenever a dynamic system repeatedly sends output - no matter how seemingly homogeneous - back as input, fractals inevitably emerge. And fractals are the basic forms natural forces assume whenever they materialize: e.g. clouds, the branches of trees, flowing water, mountain ranges, and flames to name just a few.

Thus Circulata employ a basic arcanum of nature in order to create entirely new forms of natural manifestation.

Because those who aspire to living vampirehood must work to change their entire way of relating to the world, the profound secrets of Circulata necessarily come into play. For no matter how much we may wish to think and act differently - to become someone other than our former selves - we find that habit patterns are incredibly resistant to significant modification.

Indeed, it is often possible to identify any person by habitual idiosyncrasies of speech, body language, and reaction. This is the basis for criminological concern with “M.O.” - *modus operandi* - behavioral habits that inevitably identify a felon, unmasking critical weak points and marking him or her for eventual detection.

The aspiring Ardeth must *first* free him- or herself from old herd habits to be born anew as one of the undead...and *then* dissolve all distinguishing habits whatsoever, so as to become as trackless as a falcon on the wing. Circulata provide the vital catalytic tool whereby this daunting task may be accomplished.

A seasoned Ardeth not only thinks and acts with predacious instinct, (s)he is so unpredictable as to be virtually invisible. No ordinary human has the slightest idea how a vampire will react to a given situation. Unlimited freedom is the exclusive prerogative of the masters of humanity. And the critical keys to that freedom lie in the little-known practices of Circulata.

A Brief History Lesson

Why do the Ardetha place such confidence in Circulata? They have learned through eons of experience that freedom must evolve directly

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out of the energetic currents of nature and can never be won against natural law. If you seek to violate the movement and character of your own innate psychic current, you will only succeed in destroying yourself.

This is the reason so many old, long-isolated vampire families of Carpathia came to the erroneous conclusion that Ardeth membership might only pass from one generation to another via direct genetic lineage.

The incredible difficulty posed by self-change - even when undertaken by determined, knowledgeable, courageous, and eminently well-qualified individuals - dispirited these Houses, finally convincing them that no one save their own blood descendents could inherit the priceless mantle of the Ardeth. (Although living vampires are masters of life, they are in no wise immune from all error!)

The bucolic, Central European, eremitic lifestyles of these Ardetha had separated them from authentic alchemical practice and the truths embodied therein. By losing track of how the operations of Circulata must be conducted, they inadvertently doomed their own bloodlines to unnecessary limitation and eventual extinction.

The vampire community needs more than the life-force of its prey: it also requires perpetual self-renewal of its own lifeblood. Circulata are the key to that renewal.

Circulata are Central to the Vampire's Initiation

When practiced correctly, Circulata work with the currents of life to radically transform configurations that nature has already settled into. Circulata unleash the creative powers of the natural world in the service of the vampire's adamantine will. Otherwise that will, especially when freshly awakened, would dash itself to pieces against the rocks of ingrained habit and rooted personality.

By this time it should be crystal-clear that the single, time-tested path to unbridled freedom can only be unearthed through the processes of

Circulata. These constitute the alchemical Mercury transforming Ardetha development and sustaining its regal existence.

Thus, the exercises that follow generate the motive power behind all kingship and royal authority. *Circulata materialize figurative and literal vampire blood, the repeated imbibing of which catalyzes definitive entrance into the Ardeth community.*

Indeed, mere words cannot adequately circumscribe what is actually achieved via Circulata. How can one describe the change from lead into gold: even science is hard-pressed to do it!

The exercises in this chapter will teach the reader what Circulata can do, not through metaphysical verbiage or abstract theory but rather by dint of personal experience.

Once these beginning techniques are mastered, more advanced ones will quickly manifest through clairvoyant insight and by way of contact with the Demonic Masters who oversee the multi-dimensional realm of the Ardetha.

For the sincere, this chapter may pose any number of difficulties, but it must be thoroughly comprehended and then put into active practice before any further progress can be made.

Enlightenment on the Character of Alchemical Vessels

The reader may wonder why the language of alchemical art should be both exclusively and routinely employed in preference to other disciplines when discussing techniques for inducing profound personality change. Surely modern psychology, transpersonal or gestalt, has at least a few valuable concepts to contribute? And do we dare ignore the findings of behaviorism or neurobiology in discussions like these?

While modern researches and concepts illustrate much, they are limited to the strictly material sphere. Being the offspring of pure materialism - however much their proponents may protest - their

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conceptual frameworks are simply not universal enough to accommodate the full spectrum of primordial human dynamics. Thus, these findings cannot be used to accomplish much in the way of rapid, massive psychic transfiguration. Also, as attractive mental crutches, they distract attention and energy from the real problems that obstruct the progress of aspiring vampires.

In contrast to modern science, alchemy is the sole traditional handmaiden of the living vampire. The employment of alchemical techniques and products is venerable among most communities of Ardetha, especially those with close ties to urban life and modern political concerns.

The ancient alchemist/vampire link reflects the presence of a vast network of deep historical roots tying alchemical and vampiristic practices together. Individuals like the Count de St. Germain in metropolitan Europe, Padmasambhava in northern India, and Lao Tzu in China are notable, since they synthesized the two practices in particularly spectacular ways.

While the full consideration of these topics lies far beyond the scope of this volume, suffice it to say that powerful vampire lineages of the prehistoric era also found immense value in certain alchemical researches. This is the basis for the oft-told tales of the Annunaki and their StarFire material.

Not only were the concrete physical products of these efforts effective for increasing overall intelligence, health, and lifespan, their manufacture also shed considerable light upon how organic and inorganic worlds may be interwoven and manipulated.

In many respects, human and alchemical vessels show uncanny parallels. Just as material in a retort may be cleansed of all impurities and brought into the highest state of individuation via distillation in a closed vessel, a personality may be clarified and brought into its full vampiristic manifestation through meticulous, repeated concentration of its essence.

In particular, *the human alchemical vessel can acquire a constellation of remarkable qualities once an individual learns how to properly use the principle of positive feedback which is the foundation of Circulata*. These qualities are so extraordinary that one can realistically liken them to the classic alchemical operation of turning lead into gold.

After all, what but true alchemy could render craven rabbits and impotent swine into eagles and panthers? In a similar vein, living vampires of old often likened themselves to dragons because they had successfully recast their own disparate personal characteristics into organically unified, awesomely chimeric beings wielding enormous power.

On a more down-to-earth level, one finds that the only suitable analogy for the kind of training prospective vampires employ is alchemical. Alchemical language is precise, stable and not subject to the corruptions of vulgar usage.

Alchemical Circulata demonstrate by lucid analogy how *the aspirant must inoculate him- or herself with certain emotional responses again and again, taking the pristine residue from each experience as the foundation for the next*.

The bibliography will note several provocative reference works for readers who wish to pursue the alchemical-vampire connection further. For now, let us finally move on to the Circulata exercises proper.

Circulation Exercise No. 1: Cultivating the Beast Within

(1) Watch national TV for the next big-ticket tragedy. The major media always operate on an “if it bleeds, it leads” basis, so you shouldn’t have to wait more than two weeks or so, even during relatively quiet times. You’ll know the incident has a suitable valence for this exercise if the talking heads can’t keep away from it for *three days or more* in a row. However, don’t incorporate it as a key to this Circulation *until and unless* it also passes the test of Step number 2.

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(2) Observe your own emotional reactions as you thoroughly contemplate the event. Do you experience any sadness, anger, or revulsion? If not, wait for another incident that is capable of arousing such feelings. Once you note such emotions in yourself, completely immerse yourself in that ambience then go on to Step number 3.

(Incidentally, if you are confident that no events whatsoever are capable of generating these emotions within you, you have learned many life lessons well: skip this exercise and move on immediately to the more advanced practices of Circulation Exercise number 2.)

(3) Maintaining awareness of your energy Current as taught in Chapter 1, attempt to consciously change your feelings by 180 degrees. Specifically, suppose that the media story de jour revolves around something like 100 senior citizens trampled to death by a runaway hippopotamus. Instead of identifying with the expiring old farts, force yourself to identify with the hippo.

Feel the raw animal pleasure as your victims' flesh and bones squish and crackle beneath your enormous hooves. Roar with ecstasy when you hear your pathetic victims scream with fright and agony. Now commune with the Current. How does your vital energy feel at this point? How does it differ from both a normal state and the state of empathy with the victims?

(4) After the above, attempt to alter the flow of your vital energy as noted in Step number 3 without forcing any accompanying emotion. Is it possible? What emotions do you experience as you do this?

(5) Switch back and forth from Step number 3 to number 4 again and again, concentrating on making the various sensations and emotions very clear and definitive. Try especially to settle in and grow accustomed to your novel sensations of satisfaction!

This is the unique pleasure of circulation: having reversed the herd's flow of energy and emotion, you then allow the positive feedback generated by this new energy to stimulate the atypical emotion and vice-versa.

The more this technique is practiced, the more facile you will become in it - and the more innate vampiristic power you will acquire!

Circulation Exercise No. 2: Freeing the Beast

Whether you have developed some skill in redirecting your energy pathways through the first exercise or are naturally advanced enough to proceed directly to this point, it is clear that you are now no longer thinking and running in the herd's loathsome rut.

But thus far, the force of your surging vampiristic energy has been cultivated like a hothouse flower, sheltered from the external world in order to allow a sufficient build-up of strength. In other words, you have achieved some measure of success with *purely internal Circulation*.

The time has come to let this uniquely transformed energy interact with the outside world, thus drawing an enormous wellspring of force into your mind-body complex and circulating it throughout your personal alchemical space. This will inaugurate the Great Circulation, where internal and external energies mix and complement one another.

Carefully follow the steps below to free the Beast within:

(1) Again identify a “media tragedy” through the procedure outlined in Step number 1 of Circulation Exercise number 1. If you detect any personal sympathetic reaction whatsoever, move through the entire first Circulation so that your feelings are totally reversed from the usual. Once you have, through genetic gift or practice, entirely risen above the cowardly fellow-feelings of spineless two-legged prey then, as soon as possible:

(2) Attend a local party, venue, or social event. If the affair is actually dedicated to offering aid to the victims of the specific media tragedy, so much the better. Make a point of energetically proclaiming your sympathy with the victims. Act as sincere as possible and carefully note both your own internal energy flows and the reactions of those

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around you. In no time, you should have a little coterie of weaklings hanging on your every word.

(3) Concentrate on fascinating one or two of these soft targets; if there is a sexual component to this progressive engagement, make use of the teachings of the last chapter to solidify it.

Convince the sympathetic plebs to make some kind of gesture or contribution to the cause of the tragedy *through you as an intermediary*. That is, gently but firmly pressure them to give you gifts, money, or sexual favors that you assure them will be put into the service of the “greater good.” Don’t be surprised at how quickly and easily you are able to accomplish this!

(4) Do not, of course, contribute anything to anyone except yourself. When you receive the gifts or favors, treat them as power objects and spend a few moments deeply drawing in their energy. How do you feel when you do this?

Although the sensations may be a little uncomfortable at first, they should soon reveal themselves as an incredible exhilaration coupled with crystal-clarity. For the first time, you are experiencing the jungle of life from a perspective **above** the shuffling masses: you have begun at last to Circulate the flow of predator-energy!

Circulation Exercise No. 3: The Beast Rampant

To be genuinely effective, circulation must become an intimate part of your life, something that you scarcely have to think about in order to effectuate. Thus, the final circulation noted here is crafted to make this vital alchemical process second nature to your inner character.

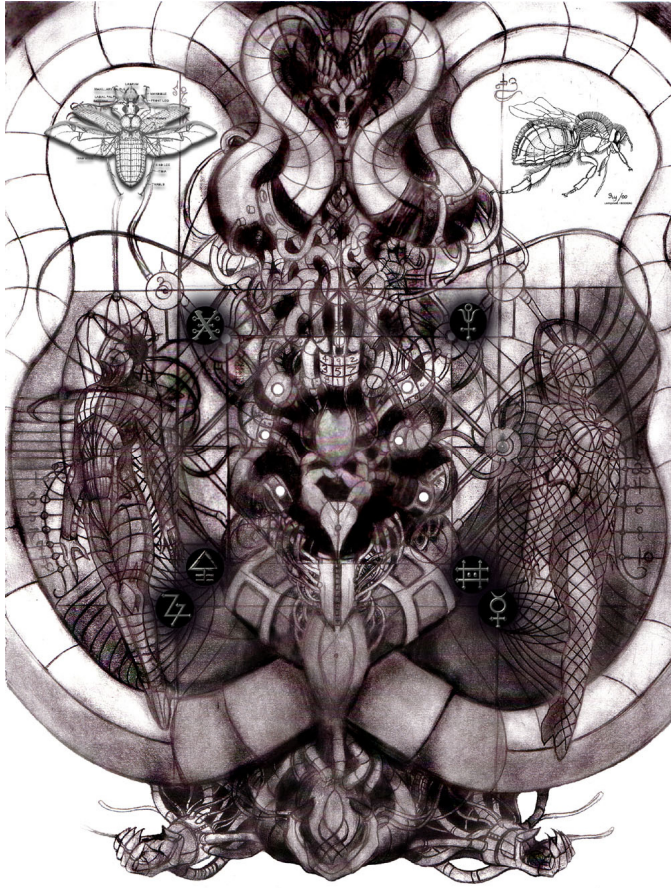
Perform this exercise only after you have attained reasonably good facility with Circulation number 2, as it calls upon the skills acquired therein. Again, as above, go over the directions carefully. Memorize them thoroughly, rereading portions that may be unclear until you have a firm mental grasp of precisely what is required before moving on to actual practice.

(1) Join an organization dedicated to benevolence and altruistic good works. Spend some time and energy persuading both the hierarchy and the accessible members of the rank-and-file of your sincerity while carefully noting any personal weaknesses or failings exhibited by the members. (These are usually so numerous, keeping a notebook is virtually mandatory!)

(2) Practice convincing other members to sacrifice to the hierarchy, *employing you as their intermediary*. Thus strive to always seem a harbinger of good news to the bigwigs and a vanguard of organizational virtue. Force others into your shadow as you strive to stand out.

(3) Attempt to rise through the ranks with (2) as a principal stepping-stone. *The higher you rise, the more you must take for your own personal pleasure and use*. As you proceed, you will notice a remarkable thing: those whom you replace or overthrow were doing the same thing as you - except not as efficiently.

Having discovered the inner essence of leadership, you are now beginning to soar on the Wings of unobstructed Circulata!



Chapter 5: Configuring the Energy Body into the Vampiristic Form

Waters of Life and Death

That which flowing, brings forth
Endlessly
But also deprives
That which infusing, preserves
Everywhere
But also destroys

ARDETH – THE MADE VAMPIRE

To master this element
Contain it
Without vessel
Free it
Without thought

The Waters
Seeking their own levels
Mindless and conscienceless
Nurturing and gnawing
Supporting and overwhelming
Rolling the wheel
Of life, death
And what pries in-between

Seek the Waters
Beyond thought's chatter
Training is not learning
Using is not regretting
Float, submerge
Respond
And strike

Oneness
Is the prerogative of the Waters

“Existing as Dual, they are identical in desire, by their duality there is no control, for will and belief are ever at variance, and each would shape the other to its ends, in the issue neither wins as the joy is a covert of sorrow.”

A.O. Spare

Popular Misrepresentations Concerning the Energy Body

To date, the bulk of sympathetic essays and tomes dealing with living vampirism have concentrated almost exclusively upon its psychic aspects.

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This peculiar bias has generated a plethora of foolish ideas that must be swept aside if true vampiristic development is to be effected within a single lifetime.

In the naive minds of these popular authors there exists seemingly good reason for such an unrealistically one-sided focus. Because psychic powers and experiences are relatively unusual and largely unaccepted within the purview of our Western cultural milieu, they have taken on an unruly aura of glamour, evolving into little more than grist for the mill of writers who specialize in catering to trendy escapist fantasies.

Ironically - as we have seen before in other contexts - the most duplicitous of these authors are actually fully-initiated Ardeth who use their verbal skills solely as a means to fatten their bank accounts while rounding up more unsuspecting donors of life-energy. Of course, these “authorities” are exceptionally careful not to share any substantial information that might actually empower their adoring fans.

The style of psychic vampirism currently popularized by such manipulative adepts deserves to be summarily lumped with unsavory marketing gimmicks like unicorn quests and Harry Potter magic wands. Nothing illustrates a more ludicrous parody of what Ardeth life entails or operates further from the realities of living vampirism.

Ardeth truths and methods have always been closely guarded, but this volume represents the teachings of a faction of the community that has not yet been overcome by world-weariness, one still open to powerful spirits who seek entrance to its age-old Mysteries.

Consequently, this volume is written from an entirely different perspective and with a wholly different purpose: to reveal to the worthy rather than conceal from the worthless.

The Reality of the Energy Body

First, it is imperative to recognize how the theory and practice of energy-body enhancement fit into the greater scheme of things.

Although purely psychic components of Ardeth lifestyle are vitally important, dwelling upon them without understanding how they directly impact the realities of day-to-day physical existence is unbalanced at best and grossly pathological at worst.

In addition, as prior chapters have illustrated, strictly astral or energetic elements of living vampirism must complement mundane consensus reality at every point lest serious mental disturbance ensue. Thus, the aspiring vampire must systematically equilibrate his or her developing energy body.

This chapter is designed to insure that the Ardeth-to-be has the conceptual tools and training necessary to insure vigorous expansion of the energy body without compromising the predacious orientation underlying vampiristic activity.

How Do Ardetha View the Body of Light?

Each culture and occult tradition incorporates specific, and oftentimes wildly differing, pictures of the energy body. Ardetha, too, utilize a unique perspective on this topic. Rather than following the delusive doctrines of religion or “right-hand paths” that focus upon what happens prior to birth or following death, the living vampire remains solidly pragmatic. (S)he seeks understanding of the energy body strictly from the standpoint of life as it must be lived here and now.

Some facts are indisputable. Those who triumph here on earth, whether they are plants or animals, possess strong, vibrant energy bodies; failures do not.

In this connection, the energy body is usually termed the Body Of Light (BOL) by Ardetha. *The BOL is that which constantly enforces coherence of an individual's thought processes* throughout waking, dreaming, and other states of consciousness. The BOL forges your innate identity, your unique I-ness, across the timeless dimensions spanning one micro-instant to the next.

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Without the Body of Light there would be no you. Without the Body of Light, ordinary existence would simply be one meaningless autonomous moment followed immediately by another, and sleeping would entail nothing but profound, unmitigated unconsciousness.

Clearly the BOL is closely allied to - but is emphatically **not** identical with - memory. Clinical studies have shown that even those whose memories are grossly impaired still maintain a firm sense of their own existence.

In fact, the BOL underlies and governs all memories. It provides memory with substance for functional potency or debility, the way fuel provides energy to an automobile. Thus, for example, we know from experience that **something** has the power to suppress powerful memories of traumatic events. In such cases, the memory has certainly not vanished but rather has been placed into a latent or inactive state. That **something** is the BOL which transcends and thereby easily manipulates memory.

Similarly, qualified occultists, shamans, creative artists, and charismatic figures are all adept at concretizing memories - even memories of fantasies - to the point of crystallization. These memories in and of themselves have no power; what power they appear to hold is lent them by the energy bodies of their hosts.

Another picturesque way of looking at the BOL is in terms of binding energy. A thousand straws can be snapped individually by a child, but if the thousand are bundled up via a single strand of fiber, the strength of each and every one augments that of all the others, and even the strongest man cannot break the whole bundle. The BOL can be likened to that single thread binding many straws together.

As you can see, the energy body is also the source of personality, and its character defines who we are and what we want. This is why people from very similar backgrounds go on to achieve diverse goals. The BOL is the wind that fills the sails of life, driving it onward.

Obviously, once a person has formed a strong commitment to become a member of the Ardeth community, his or her energy body has already undergone a radical modification from the norm. But this is only the beginning...

The Fundamental Goals of BOL Augmentation and Conditioning

When a king died, his subjects believed that his spirit flitted into the jungles and became the spirit of a tiger.

Steve Tarani,
Specialist, Indonesian Bladed Weapons

The Body of Light provides the missing link between immaterial and material worlds. Those who wish to become vampires by operating from a strictly physical basis will inevitably find their desires thwarted because they are unable to effectively transcend limitations inherent in their materialistic outlook. The legendary vampiric powers are not fairy tales; they illustrate how an initiated Ardeth is in no way limited by conventional notions of time and space.

Generally, as we have noted, aspiring Ardeth make their mistakes in the opposite direction. That is, they assume that vampirism operates strictly within an astral or spiritual realm, fairly far removed from work-a-day reality. This necessarily transports the bulk of their efforts straight into a fantasy-land of would-be witches, goblins, and imaginary planes.

You may recognize such practitioners by a tendency to frequently waste their hours impotently longing for medieval adventures or fairy wonderlands that never existed in the first place. Others devote their energies to ludicrous pastimes like filing their teeth into “vampire fangs” or outfitting themselves in outlandish garb, marking themselves as one short step removed from inmates of mental asylums or sideshow freaks.

Genuine Ardeth aspirants hold several goals with respect to their energy bodies – in the following order:

(1) Crystal-clear face-to-face personal perception of the BOL as it really is. The BOL is an immediate energetic reflection of yourself. It is a sad fact that many sincere aspirants possess BOLs that have been weakened, damaged and/or significantly blocked. Usually the damage has arisen as a consequence of severe mental or physical trauma. Sometimes, it has been directly elicited as a result of occult attack.

The typical reaction upon seeing the truth – that is, seeing yourself as you really are - is denial or dismissal. A living vampire cannot afford to indulge in this type of escapism. Absolute clarity of inner vision - whether of the energy body or other things pertaining to the ego - must begin with unflinching resoluteness, only afterward can it then be reliably extended to externals.

(2) Rectification and strengthening of the BOL. After problems have been diagnosed, it is time for effective remedies. The BOL must be brought back into shape. If there is irremediable damage, definitive ways must be found around the defects. The energy body must acquire power to accomplish goals using only its own resources.

For example, if an enemy is approaching a critical event in his or her life, the living vampire should be able to temporarily cripple that person's capacity for appropriate thought and action through the use of the BOL alone.

Normally, few possess an energy body with the ability to twist or upset others' mental equilibrium. The Ardeth has not only developed such abilities through substantial augmentation of the energy body but should eventually be able to take them for granted, just as a very strong man takes his muscles for granted.

(3) Transformation of the BOL at will into several different useful forms. An energy body, being immaterial, is not subject to the same extreme limitations as a physical one. If desired goals cannot be accomplished with a human-form BOL, it is often necessary to radically alter its usual configuration and consequent character into that of an animal, a chimera, or even a variety of highly peculiar and outré manifestations that escape accurate verbal description.

In addition, since there are a good many individuals accessing ethereal planes, it is mandatory that the Ardeth know how to camouflage the BOL so as to appear harmless. This ability, when thoroughly developed, quickly infuses into mundane life, rendering its user adept at all forms of deception - a prime virtue for living vampires at every initiatory level.

The ability to modify the energy body in such ways also opens new and heretofore unperceived doors to knowledge and power. These remarkable portals are the exclusive province of the community of initiated Ardeth adepts. Entrance through them is proof-positive of one's status as a functional living vampire.

Working with the (BOL) Body Of Light

It is possible - and in the cases under consideration here, eminently desirable - to directly perceive and transform the energy body. The process must be carried out step-by-step, with no effort to skip over or rush ahead.

Instead of taking the possibly sorry state of ones' BOL for granted as a given, the aspiring Ardeth views it courageously as it is and begins the task of transforming it from within. Rather than feeling content and self-satisfied with a well-developed BOL, the hopeful vampire seeks to augment its strength and transformational capabilities to undreamed-of heights.

Does this seem somehow to embody a contradiction? The logically astute reader may think so. After all, how can the BOL, the wellspring of all cognitive cohesion, truly understand and modify itself? How can a mirror see itself...and change its image to boot? Sometimes logical contradictions can prove misleading, especially when the focus of our discussion is something as esoteric as the energy body.

Again, the positive feedback loop with which we have become acquainted in the previous chapter offers us a master-key to this conundrum. Strange as it may seem, through consistent practice of Circulata as outlined, living vampires-to-be commence the arduous

process of lifting themselves above the herd, literally by their own psychic bootstraps!

The Circulata to which you have become accustomed will, when directed into appropriate avenues, naturally allow you to redefine your own Body of Light in incremental, self-reinforcing steps.

The closest tie between the BOL and the everyday is our bodily self-image. All of us, even the most moronic and incompetent, have some type of self image: in fact, one's own body image is the most unequivocal reflection of the BOL. We can utilize this "handle" to deepen our intuitive understanding of the energy body and prepare for its deliberate modification.

There are many ways to obtain accurate perceptions regarding your energy body. Most author-occultists have addressed the topic in one form or another. But the exercises that follow have been drawn straight from the Ardeth community and are designed to offer the most vivid and valuable insights in the shortest possible time.

Your Extra Pair of Hands

Remaining ever-aware of the lessons learned in previous chapters, concentrate on your hands for a few moments, feeling each finger, the palms, the wrists, the backs. Now lift one hand up in the air for a few minutes so as to generate a little strain and consequent discomfort. Note the exact parameters of such feelings very carefully, and quiet your mind so that you can perceive them clearly and distinctly.

Your hand wants to move downward but you continue to hold it aloft. *At some point you will note a strange disjunction between the flesh-and-blood hand you see with your eyes and the sensations inherent within and around the hand.* Remaining relaxed, loosely concentrate upon that peculiar dichotomy.

What is happening is that your BOL is shifting slightly away from your physical body. Generally, the energy body attempts to equilibrate

any strains or problems that are generated within the physical frame. When you walk or drive, your BOL anticipates bodily movements.

In addition, we have all heard (and perhaps experienced!) stories of accident victims or surgical patients whose energy bodies wrenched away from their physical counterparts. Most of these are not fiction but accurate accounts. This effect creates a little-known opportunity to obtain unusually straightforward perceptions of the BOL per se.

Focus on the difference between the hand that feels like it is falling down into a more comfortable position and your actual flesh-and-blood hand. After you have familiarized yourself with these feelings, do the exercise in a semi-darkened room.

Here it is often possible to catch a visual glimpse of the phantom hand that belongs to your BOL. Such visionary experiences, while fleeting, work to immensely strengthen not only your resolve but also the charge inherent within your energy body itself.

Darken the room further, until you can barely make out your hand and arm. Now pass your other hand behind them. If you are shifting into your BOL, you will actually be able to see the fingers through your hand and arm!

Once you have some experience feeling and seeing small parts of your BOL, set aside some time for more intensive work. As with the other exercises in this book, obey the Eastern precept of “making haste slowly.” Do not seek to accelerate your progress unduly, but don’t allow yourself to fall into self-satisfied indolence either, especially following highly revelatory sessions.

The Manifest Vision

After simple perceptions of the BOL, you are prepared to encounter what the Ardeth term “Manifest Vision.” Simply put, this means you can now enter into a full and unequivocal encounter with your own BOL.

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On the rare occasions when ordinary individuals have accidentally run into the Manifest Vision, their lives change dramatically. Frequently, in an effort to categorize it within the drab slave-conceptualizations that rule their lives, they view it as some type of “born-again” experience.

In fact, all living entities have always possessed Bodies of Light but are simply too illusion-bound to contemplate them face-to-face. Those humans who wish to continue in their blindness are, of course, perfectly free to do so. But you are very different, or you would not have come this far along the path toward freedom.

When you are confident that you are ready to proceed to more advanced BOL exercises, seek first to perform them as closely as possible to the liminal state of consciousness that lies between sleeping and waking.

Hypnotists call this the “hypnogogic” or “psychopompic” state, because it offers unusually direct access to the subconscious. Once you have gained experience of the energy body via this state, you will want to perform increasing amounts of BOL work outside of it, i.e. in ordinary waking consciousness.

You must pass through this state every time you fall asleep or come back into full wakefulness from sleep. For ordinary people, the hypnogogic state lasts little more than a few moments. Throughout the preliminary advanced BOL exercises, you will be seeking to prolong it.

Why is the hypnogogic state considered a special portal for our purposes? The principal advantage of psychopompic consciousness for the aspiring vampire is that, in this culture, it is one of the few commonly-occurring states not thoroughly imprinted with crippling, moralistic conceptual garbage. The natural condition of the hypnogogic state is freewheeling and opportunistic: perfect for those who wish to rise above the enslaved multitude.

In the beginning, get a clear handle on a small component of your BOL, like a hand or arm. Then, having entered the hypnogogic state, just sit, lie, or stand where you are and - with a quick spinning twist from the BOL appendage - roll your energy body out of your physical one.

To effect the critical separation, you may have to try spinning up, down, sideways, or obliquely. No matter: one of them will work and work consistently. Possibly, you will hear a tremendous roaring or see a brilliant display of light as the BOL snaps away from its physical shell. Don't be distracted by this, should it occur. Equally likely is that the separation will occur quietly and smoothly.

You will now find yourself existing in two “places” at once. Place your attention loosely on the BOL itself. Get used to its mode of operation. Watch and feel how energy circulates throughout. How does it appear? Where is energy taken in and where does it go? When you feel suitably comfortable, strive to achieve any one or (if you are ambitious) all of the following goals:

- (A) Make your BOL incredibly small and concentrated.
- (B) Make your BOL huge, encompassing enormous territories.
- (C) Change the shape of your BOL into that of an animal or monster.

If you can accomplish any of these, even poorly, you will receive much vital insight that cannot be verbalized on these pages. And you will then be in a position to incorporate vampiristic teachings directly into your BOL work.

Cultivation of the True Ardeth Spirit

Since our life and personality is grounded in the physical, serious vampiristic work with the energy body involves using it to vigorously complement schemes and stratagems that you are working out on the physical plane. The total effect is like using two hands for a

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complicated manual task instead of one. What is being done materially receives assistance astrally via the BOL and vice versa.

The incredible power the Ardetha wield over the mass of humanity, whether considered individually or collectively, results from this integrally coordinated two-pronged effort. No vampire plot for power or gain operates strictly on its own; it is always helped along by the participants' Bodies Of Light.

Similarly, no astral energy drain or enslavement is carried out in a vacuum; it is invariably bolstered by physical tactics designed to enervate or wear down the target.

Once some facility has been gained in manipulating the BOL, it is time to begin fitting the two chief components of vampiristic life (i.e. material and astral) together. As with any skill, the aspiring vampire will probably be clumsy and uncoordinated at first. But time will soon enable the bipartate elements of the Ardeth character to work together as a seamless whole.

The key trick one must learn is: perceiving and acting with both components simultaneously rather than alternately. This is a point that is almost never emphasized in ordinary occult treatments, no matter how ostensibly sophisticated. Yet, in the world of nature, we see it in action all the time.

When the rattlesnake prepares to strike, (s)he does not alternately consider various inputs from the Jacobsen's Organ, eyes, heat-sensitive pits, etc. Rather, all this data is absorbed and acted upon instantly as a unified system. When a fly looks out upon his world, he does not see 1000 separate pictures through each and every facet of his compound eye: he sees only a single, highly elaborate, fully-integrated, three-dimensional environment surrounding him.

Thus, *the vampire's BOL and physical body only appear separate and distinct for the purposes of training*. In reality, the two are simply bifurcated manifestations of the selfsame reality: the person of the living vampire.

The true Ardeth spirit does not fractionate itself needlessly - to do so only invites attack from those who know better. Hence the following advanced exercise:

The Mystical Conjoining of High and Low

Go to a public gathering or venue and strike up a conversation with someone. Use your general sense of vital energy to locate an individual who is healthy yet vulnerable. Without losing ordinary awareness of your surroundings, enter your BOL.

Now, contemplate the target utilizing both your physical eyes and the psychic senses inherent in your energy body. What does your target's BOL look like? Does it correspond to your physical perceptions and intimations of the other's character and condition? Pay special attention to dichotomies, for here is how critical weak points are located and exploited.

Strive to work both your mundane mind and BOL together to obtain a rapid yet wholistic understanding of your target.

Now, to generate an even more multi-dimensional and informative picture, alter your BOL significantly. A change from a person to an animal is often good. What changes do you notice in your target's energy and physical bodies as you do this? If your intuition tells you that you are in a position take advantage of what has occurred, by all means do so, and carefully note the results!

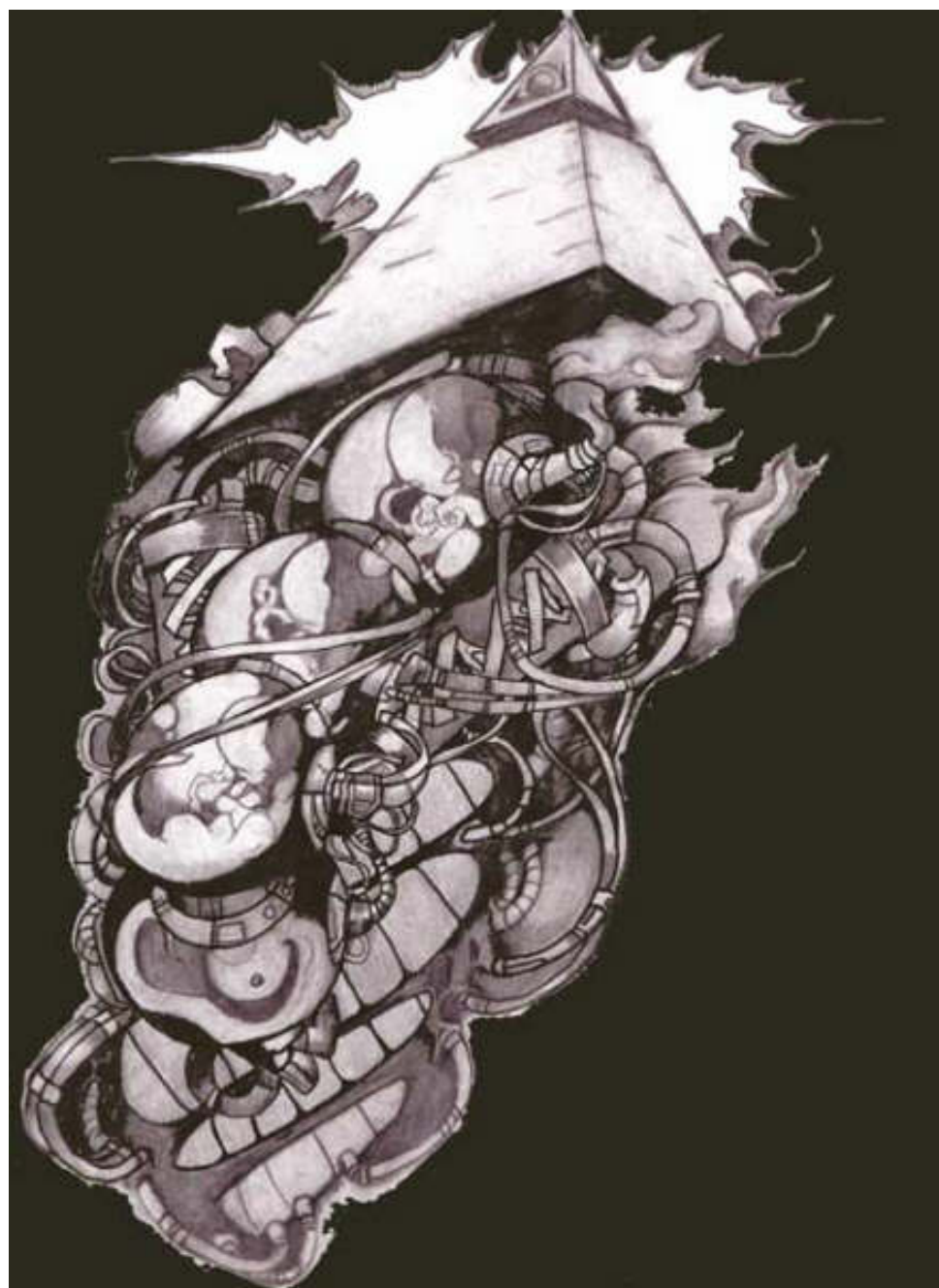
Transcendental Energizing of the Body of Light

Interestingly, both your physical body and BOL constantly recycle energy. The BOL is the prime area wherein psychic energies enter your being, rejuvenate it, and leave. Just as there exist physical poisons, there are also astral ones. Although most people put their faith only in the physical intake of energy, they are ignoring what occurs on a number of other planes that have only a minimal connection with the metabolic utilization of food and air.

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Whenever a person (or animal, for that matter) falls ill or dies “of a broken heart,” be aware that the entity’s BOL has suffered grievous damage through creation of a functional energy imbalance. Usually such imbalance implies much more energy leaving the BOL than can be taken in by it.

Living vampires carve out their places in the world by creating such imbalances in others so as to magnify themselves.





Chapter 6: A Whiff of Brimstone

Sulfur casts solidity
Breath now finds a home:
The glowing rock
At the center
Redolent with Brimstone

None will move
What none can tell

ARDETH – THE MADE VAMPIRE

For Ardeth an anchor
For others only Hell

Sulfur forms the essence,
Living core of
The Beast
Those who rest upon it
At life's table feast

When outer flees
Inner remains
Orgiastic
A mighty flame rises
Roaring
To break the steely Chains

Mystery of Sulfur is founded
Within throbbing walls of flesh
As the heart of a dragon enraptured
Opens with Vampire enmeshed

Brimstone,
The Janus of portals
Turns both ways and expires
Loses little to gain much greater
And exhales the most ancient of fires

“Do not imitate what you want to believe.”

Georges Braque

“...(M)uch of what I learned in the traditional (martial) arts had no applications in the real world.”

Richard Dimitri

The Soul of a Made Vampire

Though born on the same earth, of the same complex compounds of flesh and blood, the Ardetha and their prey are completely opposite

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species. Both kinds have labored hard and long, using their will and emotions as tools, to establish their respective estates. Prey live to be eaten; predators exist to eat flesh and drink blood. Nature cheats neither, for each individual subsists precisely as it orients itself within the Current.

The rules of predator and prey extend throughout every part of the phenomenal world. Predators invariably have greater intelligence than their prey. Even in the insect realm, the difference between the brain/body ratio of an army ant and a grasshopper is the same as that found between a man and a cow.

It cannot be too often emphasized that *the difference between a living vampire and an ordinary person is identical to the difference between an ordinary human being and a chimpanzee.*

Similarly, the invisible dimensional space that separates the pair makes cosmic voids between galaxies look miniscule by comparison. Despite their superficial resemblance, the perspicacious reader should be certain to never confuse predator and prey, lest his or her deepest psyche be confounded as well. *A lion lying down among lambs will be shorn with them.*

The Ardetha forever possess access to innate resources that thoroughly dwarf any which might be available to the mundane two-legged herd.

The vampire advantage is strength itself; as such, it never fails to overpower the weak; the vulnerability of ordinary people never ceases to betray them to the eagle-eyes of their masters.

The aspiring Ardeth must exercise care so as to become completely accustomed to thinking in these terms. (S)he must always understand which side of the fence (s)he sits on.

Waste, however, is a prerogative of the initiated; aspirants cannot afford it. Hesitation and doubt waste our most precious commodity: time. Thus, every step, every thought brings the aspirant closer to the heights of success or the abyss of failure. As we have seen, the ever-

pulsing heart of Circulata is the cleansing of all life paths, all means, and all ends.

What one achieves must be recycled and refined over and over again in order to be made durable and permanent. Every productive new thought-way must be repeatedly reinforced until it is transformed into instinct.

Pity, sympathy, kindness, altruism, compassion, charity, forgiveness, egalitarianism, and the like are concepts that have no use whatever save for the calculated manipulation of the pathetically inferior beings who consistently believe in them.

Such notions are pure fictions: they no more exist in the real world than Santa Claus, unicorns, or the Tooth Fairy. Yet, the Ardeth must perpetually feign them - and feign them well! - to control drooling believers. In the same vein, the scent of their calculated hypocrisy must be thoroughly cleansed away, just as skilled hunters wipe clean all human scent so as not to spook their prey.

A stampeding herd is no less dangerous for its ignorance. Just as a ringmaster or zookeeper would be foolhardy to purposely antagonize his or her charges, the Ardeth must exercise similar caution lest (s)he be torn apart by the mindless, ravening fury of chronically frustrated victims.

Ardetha always appear friendly and harmless - until it is too late.

Also the “natural rights,” the privileges conferred within the jungle of life, are respectively, the same as hold between humans and apes. The search for the “meaning of life” is only a conundrum to narcotize milling hordes of fools.

Herein is the great ultimate secret: *Life is simply the strong feeding upon the weak. Those who cannot immediately see this illustrate just how weak they truly are.*

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Ordinary people exist solely for the purpose of being exploited by Ardetha, just as chimps exist for the amusement and exploitation of people. In fact, most people are much closer to sheep and cattle than they are to monkeys, since simians still retain their connection to wild nature while civilized humans are absolutely dependent, from birth to death, upon the mercies of their vampire captors.

Ordinary people are not simply cattle, they are domestic cattle. They are wholly owned by Ardetha for Ardetha purposes. Both Ardetha and the common herd exist only for themselves, but only the Ardetha realize it - members of the herd believe that others care or count. They cannot see the truth even when the Ardetha start culling their numbers en masse. Ignorance and intelligence: two very different things, indeed!

So incredibly ignorant are the masses that even when their own Holy Scriptures explicitly indicate who is in charge, they refuse to believe it. (See, for example, references to the Prince of this World in John 12: 31-32, John 14: 8-11, 30-31.)

Just as only mentally defective, soft-headed sentimentalists wail when screaming monkeys are vivisected and then thrown alive into an incinerator, so only failed candidates for living vampirehood bemoan the wretched fate that comes to humans when wrung dry and destroyed through machinations hatched by the eternal masters of society.

Living vampires great and small are all around us, but the common masses, especially the human herd as encountered in our own Western cultural milieu, rarely senses the presence of initiated Ardetha - and even when they do, they are too paralyzed with fear and awe to react in their own self-interest.

Daily, Ardetha pass camouflaged amongst their prospective victims, disguised as the very ones upon whose life-blood they plan to imbibe. Their ruse brings them into the most intimate relations with their meals. As cowboys drove their herds in times past, so vampires learn to know the habits of their still-living feasts, forcing them this way and

that, until the inevitable end: a nightmarish horror for the bellowing meat, a lovely banquet for the Ardetha.

It is a wholly natural process that has always been exactly as it is today. The passing parade of millennia and cultures has altered its fundamentals not a whit.

Just as canines believe in their simple way that their human masters are merely top dogs in the pack, so humans comfort themselves with the thought that the elite who possess and regularly exercise power to make or break them are merely successful persons, but otherwise just like them. This monumental illusion must be fostered at all times and in all circumstances, for it offers the living vampire master-keys to eternal victory.

Loves of the Vampires

Authentic vampire tastes run absolutely contrary to those of their prey. Nauseating Goth wannabes and fatuous fadsters have popularized a host of moronic ideas about vampires that have, nevertheless, captivated thousands, for example:

- Living vampires shun the sun and only come out at night. (A bit of romantic nonsense if ever there was one, the notion that vampires flee the light of day would have brought tears of mirth to famous Ardetha like Vlad Tepes and Cesare Borgia.)
- Vampires dress in a conspicuously frightening, offbeat manner drawn from grade-B cinema fantasies. Many physically augment their incisors and/or file them into pseudo-fangs. (It is amazing how the twisted imaginings of impotent idiots have finally congealed to create ersatz vampire “communities.” Some even host Websites declaring support for parasitic charities. The aspiring Ardeth may be assured that anyone who walks and talks like a Hollywood vampire is a four-star imposter.)

- Modern vampires never really hurt anyone except misguided unfortunates who have elicited their righteous wrath. Similarly, they feed only upon willing hosts and take care so they never compromise the free will of others. If any single notion summarizes the laughable phoniness of new-age vampires, surely this is the one! The author has even heard of trendy vampire “houses” that promulgate ideas like karma and the “Wiccan Rede” - both of which were developed by vampires for the express purpose of weakening and enslaving possible rivals.

Study the Source

Vampires, in the fashion of all authentic occultists, do not derive their underlying philosophy from popular media but rather from exhaustive observation and research into the true nature of living things. Dreamers and fools imagine that occult forces contravene the forces of nature. In fact, the very opposite is the case.

Occult power is simply a hidden face of nature. Occult power depends upon the ability of the practitioner to craftily sail through an invisible maelstrom of natural forces while casting opponents into it.

Nothing of significance can ever be accomplished against the Currents of nature. Conversely, those who operate so as to take the fullest advantage of those Currents will have their efforts marked by success at every turn.

Ardetha, the elite of living vampires, invariably follow the Current of success, tracking it to its source before drinking deep of its essence.

Having imbibed this nectar, they meticulously set traps for their former superiors who are now their competitors, cunningly closing off the very routes they once employed for their own advancement. *As soon as an Ardeth follows a given path to success, (s)he makes absolutely certain no one else can follow it.* Would a tiger post an open invitation to its kill?

The Vampire's Embrace

Seek out those who are materially successful and study them. Although books may be helpful during initial stages, they are no substitute for real encounters. Adopt whatever guise is needed to carry on these crucial observations.

All the successful who are not Ardetha have a plethora of critical weak points. These form the cracks through which Ardetha energy is channeled away by those who know and understand the vampire's subtle art.

For example, suppose you are a lowly peon in the employ of a rich and successful businessman. You learn that he has a daughter to whom he is emotionally attached and of whom he is very protective. Make it your business to surreptitiously learn all you can about this girl. Find out her tastes, mannerisms, quirks.

Once you have accumulated a little knowledge about her, turn it to your advantage immediately. If she supports particular charities or causes, show your sympathy with them in such a way that your boss cannot help but taking notice. If she suffers from any maladies, demonstrate solicitude with appropriate gifts and expressions of concern.

You will know you are on the track of success if and when your employer softens his attitude toward you, perhaps even offering you favors or giving you a promotion. Should events like this transpire, move immediately to consolidate your position: portray another favored, hard-working employee so that (s)he appears like an enemy of the beloved daughter. Frame the person with false evidence, if necessary.

You have taken an important second step toward success, if the boss demotes - or better yet fires - the targeted worker, because you have now entered the inner circle of the employer, the privileged space wherein real thoughts are shared, decisions made, and people

destroyed. Now is the time to open your eyes and ears and contemplate clearly the why and how of things.

And don't forget to enjoy the taste of victory! Scream with joy at the agonized writhing of your victims!

A Secret Method Whereby One Breathes In the Essence of Success

Everyone wears a mask in their everyday dealings with others; although this false front has no effect upon energy feedings, it seriously impedes vampires in their search for vital insights.

While you may readily take in a person's life-force, it is another matter entirely to absorb their cunning. Thus it is imperative for the aspiring Ardeth to worm his or her way into the hearts of at least a few highly successful people, for only under such circumstances of familiarity will the masks that shield the truth be moved aside or dropped entirely.

It is not enough for living vampires to augment their Bodies of Light by feeding indiscriminately. Just as a strong man may be quickly brought low through a wily assault, even the most energetic vampire is powerless against adversaries who know how to set deceptive traps and fight well.

You must exert yourself to learn the art of success, but, once you have entered a successful individual's domain of trust, it becomes possible to accelerate this process via occult means.

Wait until your target is at his or her emotionally weakest. Successful people who are in top form are like healthy beasts who can turn on you in a flash; this usually makes them difficult to vampirize. So it is best to wait until they are intoxicated, ill, or emotionally drained. Bide your time with friendliness and helpfulness until you are called to their side as a confidant in such stressful situations.

When you know your target is weak, engage the following visualization with all the vividness you can muster and empower it with the full force of the Circulated energy that you have drawn from

others: it is one of the most durable and fundamental of all Ardeth techniques. But, to be effective, it must be employed with a combination of extraordinary precision and force.

The Tentacle

So much has been discussed and penned on the utilization of the method of the Tentacle that a number of enlightened scholars have come to believe that it epitomizes the quintessence of living vampirism in a single dynamic act. Howsoever that may be, it must occupy a primary place in your arsenal; this is the way it is traditionally characterized and conducted:

The Tentacle is a special astral appendage possessed only by Ardetha or aspiring Ardeth and developed exclusively for full-spectrum vampirism. The term “full-spectrum” here designates all aspects of a given target entity, physical, mental, and spiritual. Clearly, then, full-spectrum vampirism is only employed upon those whom we rightly envy and whom we wish to emulate, at their expense. It drains them *totally* for our benefit.

Conversely, this technique must never be employed upon those whom we disdain or who have evinced significant weakness of body, mind, or spirit. To ignore this caveat is akin to drinking poison; such irresponsible behavior directly invites serious debility or psychological disturbance and, in addition, may result in the rejuvenation of the target!

The overwhelming majority of donors supply energy, servitude, or material goods only; these targets may be selectively fed upon via other methods, so as to extract only those energetic aliquots we find useful. But the principal strength *and weakness* of the Tentacle is that it has no innate filtering capability: it conducts every vital portion of the targeted person directly into our own sphere of influence.

Preliminary Visualization

In a relaxed state, imagine that a glowing tentacle, somewhat like that of an octopus or squid, actively reaches out and elongates from either

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the region of your Ajna Chakra or third eye, (that is, the small space on the forehead between and just above the eyebrows) or from the very top of the head (that is, the Crown Chakra).

This visualized tentacle is long and narrow and possesses, at its far end, the general configuration of a lamprey: the business end is shaped like a funnel lined with numerous sharp teeth, which is capable of attaching itself and drawing nourishment, like a drinking straw, from its target straight into your brain.

Practice creating, extending, manipulating, and withdrawing this astral appendage until you can see it quite vividly and feel it as an integral extension of your central nervous system. Understand that it is made of pure energy and is an atavistic embodiment of your innermost vampire will.

As noted above, resist the temptation to practice actually using the Tentacle until and unless a truly appropriate occasion arises, since its indiscriminate abuse will lead to a host of serious difficulties. As the visualization grows in clarity, so will the amount of discipline and self-control required!

Your first Tentacle-target is the successful individual whose trust you have cultivated in the prior exercise. Ideally, the target is ready when (s)he is in a state of emotional vulnerability. Such states eventually come to all, weak and strong, but do little damage, in and of themselves, to the latter.

What you are seeking is not so much a manifestation of substantial weakness as a significant let-down of the target's ordinary psychic shields. As you gain experience with living vampirism, you will become increasingly adept at actually inducing these moments of radical openness in your victims.

The Practice

Feigned empathy, concern, and camaraderie are wonderful tools to place your target at ease.

As soon as you sense that the individual has let down his or her physical and mental guard, commence visualizing the Tentacle. It is a fearsome extension of your own predatory nature, writhing, spinning, and surging from instant to instant with primordial power.

Once you have visualized the Tentacle with crystal clarity, set its mouth straight down upon the top of the target's skull. Using a long, drawn-out inhalation generated from just below your navel, merge the Tentacle's violent suction with your own breath. Observe the target's life-essence flow through the Tentacle into your own core. Often, this takes the form of light, heat, or a peculiar feeling of ecstatic empowerment.

It is absolutely imperative that you truly sense the shuddering intake of holistic energy coming from your target! The more palpable this sensation is, the greater will be your ultimate success.

Keeping one's external demeanor bland and friendly during this period can be quite challenging but is also necessary, as the outflow of energy during the Tentacle's operation can be so terrific that the target's unconscious instincts of self-preservation may well be triggered!

The tiniest expression of predatory glee at this time can easily set your victim against you. Should this happen, your target's long-term trust and favorable attitude can undergo a dramatic and highly unfavorable about-face. Do not allow this to occur! Exert yourself to the utmost to keep matters on a positive, calm, and even keel.

As soon as the feeling of incredibly intense energetic inflow has ceased, withdraw and dematerialize the Tentacle. The whole process, if done correctly, should never take longer than a minute or two. Savvy, initiated Ardetha can perform the entire operation in about twenty seconds.

Follow-Up

Even if you are accustomed to feeding upon vital energy, you will find the practice of The Tentacle unusually exhilarating and enormously

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insightful. But it is important to remember this point: While tremendous amounts of energy may be absorbed into the mind/body complex in a very short time, ingested ability and intuition require a period of proactive integration - often days to weeks - to become fully incorporated into your being.

In addition, although energy feeding is a zero-sum game, wherein the vital force you gain is invariably lost to the victim, the vampiristic acquisition of talents is a more complex business. At times, your target may indeed lose prowess in direct proportion to your gain. More frequently, there will only be a short refractory period wherein these abilities are not readily accessible to the target; after that they are automatically regenerated.

In any case, be prepared to plumb and then exercise as much of your newly acquired powers as soon as possible. Unless and until they are used, such abilities deteriorate quickly. Often they have a static half-life of about two weeks, so you must put them to use rapidly upon the conclusion of the operation to gain any meaningful benefit.

Once exercised, however, these talents take root and grow. Do not waste the opportunity you have labored so hard to achieve.

Associates of the Ardetha

Social intercourse comprises many dimensions; it is a cliché but yet very true that one only knows a person by the company (s)he keeps. For aspiring Ardetha, wasting time with undesirable or unproductive associates is akin to slow suicide.

Any person who habitually associates with an Ardeth may suddenly become a target, including peers, mentors, and sex partners. The Ardeth's mind can harbor no room for sentimentality or regret. If such emotions are indulged in anyway, they are at the vampire's own risk. Knowing full well the chances they take as they walk among others, Ardetha take no pleasure in crippling themselves by crying or whining.

Those who wish to don the authentic mantle of the living vampire must, like the lion, shark, or eagle, take a cool, eminently rational inventory of their social circle. Which acquaintances exist solely as sources of vital energy?

Who among them will provide living fields of practice for advanced vampiristic or occult techniques? Who has succeeded at some material quest and are candidates for ingratiation as a prelude to being hit by The Tentacle? Who, if any, remain - and for what purposes?

The Lesson of The Fly

Even a brief contemplation of what has gone before should convince the sincerely aspiring Ardeth that one's social scene is anything but a casual affair. By cultivating correct associates, using them, and moving on, living vampires rapidly advance in their quest for ultimate mastery. Conversely, by lingering among doubtful or useless associates, one's progress is thwarted at every turn.

But establishing an appropriate circle of associates is only part of the story. The other part lies in efficient and continual use of stealth, duplicity, and camouflage. For unless the living vampire functions imperceptibly and invisibly, all of his or her efforts are bound to come to naught.

How important is stealth when one seriously pursues the Ardeth path?
Think of the last time you swatted a fly.

Scientific studies have established that the fly is one of nature's most profoundly stupid creatures; many experiments appear to indicate that it is incapable of learning altogether. A fly can't recollect, think, or reason, even in the most rudimentary sense. In fact, the only thing the fly has going for it are its basic survival instinct coupled with raw reflexes.

Yet, remember the last time you succeeded in swatting one: challenging, wasn't it? Perhaps you even failed on the first attempt...or the second and third. If rudimentary instincts for survival worked that

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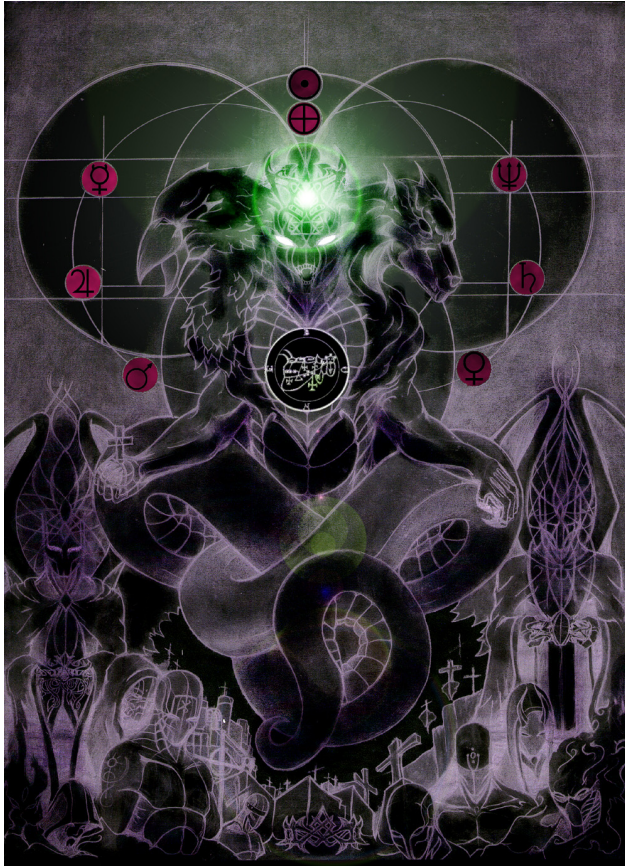
well for a humble fly, think how effectively they operate in organisms as complex as human beings.

A famous Yogi once remarked: “To kill yourself, a pin will suffice. But to kill another, good weapons must be obtained and many plans laid up.” In a similar vein, naturalists have observed that major predators like tigers and wolves only succeed in a minority of hunts.

Are you a more effective predator than the tiger or wolf?

Before you commence any vampiristic operation, make certain that your camouflage is impeccable. You must always dress, speak, and act so as to firmly convince your target of your good intentions. As always, the finest camouflage is one that closely mimics the target. Never follow the example of Goth wannabes and occultist eccentrics who flaunt their deviance and wallow in gratuitous nonconformity.

You will know your camouflage is working if it is obvious that your target is relaxed. Uneasiness is a prelude to fight or flight; make sure you become adept at banishing every trace of it in prospective victims, especially before you strike.



Chapter 7: Breath of the Hierophant

The wheel of predation
Inflow and out
Spins across the winds
Rides upon the bones
Psychopomp
To most unknown

Bimé
Feared Lord of Darkness
Vultures, beasts of prey

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Master of the cemetery's spear
That steals life quick away

Waiting upon the threshold
For every acolyte
Who would drink flowing blood
Eat trembling flesh
Three heads facing
The heart's fountain bright

He hides and reveals
protects and attacks
Every ruler knows him
For what he is
The others respect
What he is not

Air cannot be seen
But offers life to all
Ungraspable
It overthrows
The mightiest vanities
Filling the open road
With bright Void

“There is little that can withstand a man who can conquer himself.”

Louis XIV

“If thy heart fails thee, climb not at all.”

Elizabeth I

“Omelettes are not made without breaking eggs.”

Maximilien Robespierre

“The body of a dead enemy always smells sweet.”

Titus Flavius Vespasian

Gatekeepers and the Wellspring of Astral Initiation

There is a line, fine yet utterly definitive, that forever separates aspiring Ardetha from authentic members of the community of living vampires. That line is initiation.

Initiation, whether into the Ardetha ranks or any other elite, is a term that has been abused in direct proportion to its popularity. In reality, initiation means one and only one thing: death to a former life pattern and rebirth into another, entirely different.

Initiation implies a complete turning about at the deepest root of self-image and world-view. Thus, initiation is a much-coveted rite of passage (see Chapter 1).

Today, there are a plethora of self-styled occult and fraternal lodges, families, houses, temples, cults, and gangs which purport to offer authentic initiation. A preponderance are purely small-time, small-change-grubbing businesses that will initiate anyone who shows an attitude approximating deference and subsequently forks over the requisite fee.

The actual initiation procedure in such cases usually involves nothing more strenuous than attending a few classes, changing clothes, eating light, kissing selected posteriors, taking a few suitably vague vows, and receiving due congratulations. More often than not, most of the requirements are waived when significantly larger donations are proffered.

Procedures of this kind exist primarily to enrich self-styled cult leaders (many of whom are genuine Ardeth who have not the slightest intention of sharing anything, let alone initiatory knowledge!); such ceremonies have no more connection to true initiation than the Man in the Moon.

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Because genuine initiation passes the acolyte through a shattering death experience into a new and very different life, it cannot be engendered solely from the mortal, physical side, no matter how psychically potent the putative initiators may be. That is, *initiation is primarily the business of immensely powerful astral entities who oversee the praxis at hand.*

Active elites necessarily function on both material and immaterial levels at the same time. Each is intimately linked to one or more astral beings who oversee its welfare, communicate key secrets, insure the suitability of recruits, and generate the key initiatory experience of complete ego dissolution and reconstruction.

Grand Duke Bimé, Hierophant and Chief of the Ardetha

For millennia, the community of living vampires has operated under the aegis of one of the most intelligent and energetic of nonhuman spirits. This ancient demon hierarch has sealed thousands of new members into the Ardeth community through a nonpareil death/rebirth experience.

Although this special hierophant and demonic grandmaster of the Ardetha has been invoked under a variety of rubrics across the centuries, he is best known to modern Western civilization as the 26th Spirit of the Goetia, the Grand Duke Bimé.

This is some of what the Goetia, also known as The Lesser Key of Solomon or the Lemegeton has to say about this remarkable entity:

“...The Twenty-sixth Spirit is Bune (or Bim). He is a Strong, Great and Mighty Duke. He appeareth in the form of a Dragon with three heads, one like a Dog, one like a Gryphon, and one like a Man. He speaketh with a high and comely Voice. He changeth the Place of the Dead, and causeth the Spirits which be under him to gather together upon your Sepulchres. He giveth Riches unto a Man, and maketh him Wise and Eloquent. He giveth true Answers unto Demands. And he governeth 30 Legions of Spirits...”

At this spirit's own command, vampires always address him as Bimé rather than the two popular names given above. His primary sigil is impressed upon his image at the head of this chapter and elsewhere throughout this volume.

In connection with the descriptions offered in the Goetia, it is important to remember that what has come down to us in these few precious manuscripts is necessarily brief, cryptic, and exoteric. In essence, the Goetia manuscripts are the study notes of sorcerers-in-training rather than exhaustive referential compendia.

Explicit and Secret Powers of the Demons

Each and every one of the Goetic demons possesses significant powers and offices that are only hinted at in traditional grimoires. Over many centuries, a dedicated handful who loyally served these cunning, disembodied intelligences learned how to properly garner and employ such hidden abilities. The very existence of these powers has always been one of the most closely-held secrets of genuine occult adepts.

In Europe over the 17th and 18th centuries, in particular, a few prominent Left Hand Path mages and sorcerers like Mayer Rothschild and the Comte de Saint Germain energetically expanded and clarified rudimentary material that constituted the three recognized Goetic texts as well as other esoteric documents. Their discoveries and practices led to the founding of several highly exclusive temples and lodges that wield immense power today. Considered as a unified body of initiates, these secret organizations are often grouped under the title of “Illuminati.”

For example, we now know that Baal, the first King mentioned in the Goetia and also the first listed entity in all available textual versions is actually Beelzebub, Lord of the Insect Realm, and one of the highest-ranking rulers in the entire demonic pantheon. It would, however, be impossible to guess this fact from a simple perusal of Goetia texts: only direct and prolonged contact with the demonic entity himself (or others specifically charged with communicating esoteric knowledge) will reveal it.

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Further, although the Goetia notes only a single power attributed to Baal - invisibility - this unitary term is meant simply as a terse mnemonic note implying, for knowledgeable initiates, literally scores of other powers that are available to Beelzebub's sincere devotees.

Similarly, it was only in the waning years of the 20th century that the powers secretly available via the Goetic President Ose (normally styled as the 57th listed spirit) were publicly revealed, despite the fact they had been utilized clandestinely for centuries.

In the Lesser Key, the statement is made that Ose may "...change a Man into any Shape that the Exorcist pleaseth, so that he that is so changed will not think any other thing than that he is in verity that Creature or Thing he is changed into..."

Dabblers long assumed that this meant only that Ose could induce a peculiar form of mental illness in enemies of the sorcerer. Ose can indeed create horrendous mental disturbances, but his talents do not end there. In fact, Ose is the patron demon of transmogrifiers, skinwalkers, and shapeshifters, and it is in and through his intervention that werewolves - or modern counterparts like Bigfoot and the Chupacabra - are created and sustained.

It is, however, the Spirit Bimé in particular that concerns us here. Bimé is the patron demon of vampires and principal spiritual Hierophant of the Ardeth community. This is tangentially implied when it is written that he changes the place of the dead and causes the spirits under him to gather together upon "your Sepulchres."

Analyzing Goetic Poetry and Symbolism

A few words are in order so that the aspiring vampire may fully appreciate what is said literally in the Goetia regarding Bimé versus what is merely symbolized therein.

Ever since materialist and Right Hand Path scholars have had their crack at occult volumes originally designed to act as superficially

pious, terse codebooks for serious Left Hand Path apprentices, a lame-brained literalism has infested the interpretation of these writings.

To put matters in the proper perspective: No Christian scholar would ever interpret Jesus' remark (Luke 13:32) to "go ye and tell that fox" as an actual mandate to speak to a small furry animal of the carnivorous genus *Vulpes*. Yet, when the passage regarding Bimé's ability to change the place of the dead is considered, it is invariably interpreted exactly as written and wholly devoid of figurative implication.

Interestingly for these myopic armchair occultists, the issue of why any sane sorcerer would arouse a burning desire to shift the subterranean position of corpses - or check on them afterwards - is never brought to the fore. Thus, we have solid evidence that something might be seriously amiss with an absolutely literal approach to Goetic texts.

In truth, the notion of "changing the place of the dead" is a clever allusion to vampiric processes whereby life energy is extracted, thus modifying the conventional abode of the (energetically) dead from the cemetery to the area under the vampire's immediate aegis.

The Ardeth, through exploitation and the proactive cooptation of life-force, turns ordinary people into entities who are effectively dead, thus changing the traditional "place of the dead."

In addition, Ardetha understand that the ordinary person is as good as dead already: as has been explicated previously, vampires are ever "the undead" whom others unconsciously serve with their life energy or material resources.

Demonically blessed individuals, holding special insight and power conferred by Bimé, effectively change places with the dead, i.e. their former selves. Bimé - and only Bimé - is able to catalyze this remarkable transformation.

Further, in order to make quite certain that the initiated do not miss the point of the foregoing phrase, the author declaims - as a direct continuation of the same sentence! - that Bimé causes the spirits under him to gather together upon *your* sepulchres.

By the term “your,” the writer means, of course, the living vampire. Thus, Bimé’s own legions will come to the aid of and provide guidance to those who have successfully changed the place of the dead, i.e. those who have been appropriately initiated to carry out vampiristic operations.

Invocation versus Evocation: Proper Use of the Goetia

The Goetia has a bad reputation among rank-and-file occultists and rightly so. It is a dangerous book because it has been purposely written upside-down, creating terrifying traps for those on the Right Hand Path.

The volume is not literally worded upside-down, of course, but it is written so that its instructions for calling and dealing with the spirits, if followed to the letter, will produce, in the majority of cases, precisely the opposite of the results intended.

Specifically, the Goetia recommends that the sorcerer issue commands to listed demons after first forcing them into palpably visible appearance. And in order to avert the understandable wrath of these powerful conjured entities, the Goetia duly recommends that the operator first surround him- or herself with an incredible inventory of ostensibly protective talismanic devices, not the least of which is the famous “circle of art.” This dubious process is generally termed *evocation*.

Why is evocation a totally inappropriate way to obtain the assistance of demon princes and kings?

The question is vital rather than rhetorical, and with a bit of thought you can answer it quite adequately yourself: How would *you* react if you were suddenly and very forcibly roused from a state of

comfortable repose by a complete stranger and summarily issued orders, backed up by threats of torture and death, if you refuse to instantly obey?

If you are a person who has read this far, I think we can safely say that we know what your reply will be. The demonic hierarchs who have functioned intelligently for thousands of years naturally feel the same - only more so!

Is it any wonder, then, that the history of Goetic evocation is littered with the wrecked minds and bodies of arrogant idiots who had the temerity to believe that chalk circles, inscribed geometric figures, pieces of engraved metal or stone, and mumbled prayers could effectively insulate them from eons-old disembodied entities who actively embody the very forces of nature?

It is feasible to engage in highly fruitful communication with the Goetic (and other) demons - provided that one approaches them with genuine respect, understanding, humility, and sincerity. Such motivations are routinely expected of good employees everywhere, and they are the very least one can offer when dealing with the astral bosses of the universe.

Evocation literally means “calling forth.” It is, first and foremost, a *demand* that a spirit appear and do one’s will. Practitioners of the Left Hand Path do not evoke demons, as they understand how inappropriate and offensive such a procedure is.

Invocation, on the other hand, means “inviting into.” Here, a spirit is *requested* to enter the temple of our own body/mind complex for the purpose of meaningful interchange. Invocation is the vehicle whereby Left Hand Path magicians at last make contact with those who hold sway over both astral and physical realms.

The Invocation of Grand Duke Bimé

The lore of the Ardetha has recorded time and again that those who repeatedly practice living vampirism will invariably come face-to-face

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with the spiritual masters who govern this practice. In passing, it should be noted that the same is true for other occult disciplines like shapeshifting, astrology, alchemy, weather-magick, death-dealing, clairvoyance, etc.

Nevertheless, individuals who continually cultivate a strong aspiration to enter the Ardeth Path and join its community of initiates can - and often do - deliberately provoke such dramatically life-altering encounters. In other words, they consciously work to engender key initiatory experiences. Correctly pursued, events of this nature immensely accelerate one's progress on the Path.

One's first authentic initiatory experience is the most important.

The great demonic governors of psychic realms also function with wonderful efficiency as guardians and gatekeepers so that the ranks of their acolytes consistently remain at a suitable level of devotion and sincerity. While it may be difficult for even the most dedicated initiates to continually police their ranks, the spirit powers holding sway therein can easily sense and destroy traitors and defectors almost as soon as they hatch.

The authors unequivocally recommend that all Ardeth aspirants deliberately invoke their mentor, the Goetic Grand Duke Bimé, at the earliest opportunity. The exact procedure follows; it is not at all difficult or expensive.

Preliminaries

Although a meeting with a demonic mentor can theoretically occur at any time or under any circumstance, it is always an extremely significant (and always unforgettable!) occasion and should be treated with appropriate gravity. This is particularly the case when the encounter is initiated from the mortal side, as you are requesting special consideration from a chosen demon or one of his principal lieutenants.

Remember: you are coming into the august presence of a living intelligence that is far older, wiser, and more powerful than yourself.

Set aside a suitable time and place for the invocation, a few hours when you will be absolutely alone and undisturbed. The area should be cleaned beforehand; it need not be ascetic but should be reasonably isolated, spare, and uncluttered. Observers and unwanted persons and animals should be kept out of the area for several hours prior to as well as during the actual rite.

If you have ever traveled to the astral palaces of the demon hierarchs, you have some idea of their fabulously otherworldly, awe-inspiring qualities. Because of their acute sensitivity, many artists and writers with little or no connection to the occult may also have accurate intimations of what these dimensions are like. The most ideal places for demonic invocation resemble these outré visions in some way. Traditional choices, especially for Bimé, are:

- Mausoleums
- Long-disused cemeteries
- Caves
- Deserts
- Forgotten underground passageways
- Sealed-off cellars
- Abandoned houses or factories
- Crypts

Bimé's traditionally styled rank of Duke simply means that he often finds it easiest to relate to colors, odors, metals, minerals, and other items traditionally associated with the planet Venus. Note that these standard correspondences are tentative and primarily meant to open the door for new initiates; as you get better acquainted with him, he will probably communicate more suitable ones.

Prior to the rite, copy Bimé's sigil from this book or a quality edition of the Goetia onto a small piece of green paper or copper foil. If you prefer, you may use the full image of Bimé taken directly from this volume.

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The chamber of invocation should be lit only by green and/or light blue candles. It must also contain a brazier charged with a piece of self-lighting charcoal and some Venusian incense: jasmine, red sandalwood, palmarosa, rose, and benzoin are fine alone or in combination.

You must also bring a small knife, needle, or pin for the letting of your own blood.

If you have an extensive background in ceremonial magick or related practices, you may choose to create a much more elaborate setting, with, for example, Bimé's Kabbalistic name spelled out in perfumes according to Crowley's 777, his sigil engraved on turquoise or solid copper, a bound rooster, goat, or other suitable animal for sacrificial bloodletting, and other sophisticated techniques. But none of that is really mandatory for a successful meeting with the Demon.

You should be dressed in clean, comfortable clothes (preferably blue or green) and can commence the invocation sitting or standing following a few moments of quiet meditation, so your mind is able to temporarily toss out the usual mundane concerns and concentrate fully on the task at hand. Never attempt a rite of this kind if you are unduly distracted or preoccupied with pedestrian affairs.

The Invocation

First, having lit the candles and incense and sealed the area from untoward interruption, state your intention aloud clearly:

“By the pervasive rays of the Midnight Sun: With my mind, tongue, and hands I hereby invoke the Grand and Mighty Duke Bimé, Chief of the Undead and eternal Hierophant of the Ardetha. Bimé, with blood and sacrifice I call out to you! I beseech you at this very hour to dwell within me! Make your ways, the ways of the living vampires, known to me! Teach me, enrich me, and enfold me into your noble ranks! Although I approach you as a mortal, may I rise transfigured by the invincible power of your

illumination! Lord Bimé, unite inseparably with me! May your heart and mine become as one, now and forever!”

Now hold the sigil before you in silence and stare at it hard for no less than ten minutes. Your desire to personally experience Bimé’s presence should be so strong that you weep.

Ear-Whispered Secret of the Great Call

Commence the Great Call! Although use of the Great Call is very easy, few occultists, trained as they are in self-aggrandizing, insipid, and exoteric lodge systems, have ever heard of it. So a few words are now in order to elucidate precisely what the Great Call is and how it should be properly effected:

The word “Goetia” derives from a Greek term for “screamer” or “howler.” This is because *the proper invocation of powerful demons is best accomplished via an impassioned, loud, impromptu, long drawn-out howl reverberating from the very depths of your being.*

Across the years, many grimoires have stressed the use of “barbarous words of evocation” such as the famous Baralamensis, Baldachiensis, etc. In reality these are nothing but over-intellectualized and readily transcribeable codewords signifying an actual Great Call.

Like a wolf’s howl or a lion’s roar, *the Great Call is a protracted, penetrating scream emanating directly from the pure beast within.* Emerging from the most primitive level of consciousness, it reaches out at once and insistently to the demonic intelligences who reign over the energetic universe.

Ordinary humans never use their voice in such a heartfelt manner except perhaps when they are in the throes of unbridled agony or ecstasy - thus they never do it voluntarily at all!

The Great Call is forged straight out of the moment; it is an instantaneous reverberation of absolutely uninhibited will. The volcanic impetus of the Great Call literally cuts through the fabric of

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time and space. *It must never be practiced or rehearsed*, as such actions necessarily constrict and stultify its magickal power to summon.

There are no intelligible words in a Great Call: it is a manifestation of your personality sans cerebral cortex, an expression of soul minus the niceties of rationalization.

Establishment of the Great Call usually takes 3-4 breaths. Begin the cry softly from your lower abdomen, forcing all of your pent-up emotions through your larynx, allowing the ululating howl to grow louder and louder. Loosen your lips and tongue so they can act on their own without the customary constraint language provides.

The sound will be innately eerie, an intensely powerful yet frightening siren-song simultaneously foreign and familiar. *It is a voice that you always knew was there, yet which you were never permitted to hear*. Let that wild, inimitable, roaring scream explode out of your body completely into infinite space.

At some point during the Great Call you will *feel* that the sound is literally carrying the whole of your inner essence. At that point, but not before, cut yourself with the knife or carry out the bloody sacrifice. Then let all subside and wait.

Usually, Bimé will manifest almost immediately. You will sense his presence with crystal clarity and without a hint of doubt. Each candidate for Ardeth-hood feels him differently, but certain elements are unmistakably constant: the air seems suddenly charged, heavy, and laden with anxious dread. It is not uncommon to have an astoundingly clear vision of the Spirit and/or hear his beautiful voice.

Follow-Up

If all goes well, Bimé will conduct you through a harrowing rite of passage that, for obvious reasons, cannot be fully elucidated here. Suffice it to say that you must surrender yourself completely to his

power, for to resist at this crucial point would be to place your health and sanity in grave danger.

Utter self-abasement and passivity before the demon's grandeur is the expected conduct, for what you so fervently desire is second-nature to him.

The inner truth of demonic initiation is this: a bit of your heart must fly away with him, while a bit of his heart is transferred into you. There will be a genuine fusion and resplitting of identities. Therefore, you will not emerge the same person as when you began.

If successful, you will have passed through the vestibule of the Ardeth Temple, and your new eyes will open to the multiform wonders of its sublime Cathedral.



Chapter 8: The Mystic Union of Heaven and Hell

Enshrouded in mystery
Behold the Sun at Midnight
Rays illuminating the depths and aery reaches
Stretching across the Abyss

The New Moon resplendent in darkness
Casts silver dusk upon the horizon
Opening the eyes of the hungry
Who ever watch and wait

The twain united

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Male and Female
Seer and vision
Life and death
Give birth to that
Which lies beyond all

Union creates wisdom
Destroys Ignorance
Touches heaven and hell
Resides at the center
Of the Dragon's heart

What separates
Binds
What unites
Frees
Choosing one
We reject the other
So the talon
Bites into flesh

No one can imagine
The mystery of Union
No one can think
Himself into being
Union jumps the gap
Turning naught to One

“I am more afraid of an army of 100 sheep led by a lion than an army of 100 lions led by a sheep.”

Tallyrand

“What is good? All that heightens the feeling of power in man, the will to power, power itself. What is bad? All that is born of weakness. What is happiness? The feeling that power is growing, that resistance is overcome.”

Nietzsche

Bonds, Conjunctions, and Pacts

Zealous aspirants who have conscientiously followed directions given in the prior chapter have had their taste whetted by an incomparable experience: contact with a demonic master. In all probability, these acolytes now wonder how they may further concretize and even augment this bond. Few activities could prove more fruitful!

Dealing with spirit entities, however, is neither easy nor simple. Their intelligences are complex and many-faceted, and they have developed cunning through literally millennia of contact with various types of human beings.

Too often, potentially productive relationships among astral entities and humans are spoiled because of unrealistic expectations, positive or negative, originating from the human side.

Do not expect that any spirit, especially a demon, gratuitously cares about your welfare. On the other hand, do not fear that every communication from a demon embodies diabolical trickery. Reality lies somewhere in between the extremes of hope and fear.

In many ways, demons are much like humans: one must get to know them on their own terms in order to come to grips with who they really are, what they can accomplish, and what they most value in an alliance.

You will find that the ideal relationship between a spirit mentor and human closely resembles that holding between employer and employee. To the extent that you provide the spirit with what (s)he wants, you will receive suitable payment in return.

One must also understand that the demon princes are no different than you: They always serve their own interests first and foremost.

For example, as leader of living vampires Bimé desires to continually expand his influence and prestige: the Ardetha act as principal means

to this end. Only insofar as one can offer significant advantage to him will one truly benefit.

To cite a famous occultist of past centuries: “You must know that these creatures give nothing for nothing.” Can you imagine that the astral enforcers of the Ardeth code behave with altruism and compassion, when their disciples are explicitly enjoined otherwise?

Familiars and Contacts

Although not unheard of, it is unusual for demon chiefs to directly enter into close, protracted relationships with new initiates or those who have been recently introduced to the mysteries of a given praxis. Green recruits must prove their worth through a series of tests before they are permitted to step across the bare threshold of the inner sanctum.

Thus, after one’s first encounter with Bimé, it is likely that he will assign a “familiar” spirit to monitor your progress. A familiar is one of Bimé’s lieutenants who will take a very personal interest in the course of your life’s path.

The familiar’s name will be passed to you directly or through a vision, dream, or strangely poignant insight. Many initiates have been awakened suddenly in the night to see their familiar’s name spelled out in cold, smokeless fire before their startled eyes. Others simply find that a strange name is running through their heads again and again.

It is strongly suggested that you sigilize your familiar’s name as soon as you attain it, according to the instructions given in a prior chapter. On occasion, the familiar will provide the form of the sigil itself in lieu of an actual name. In any event, the diagram thus created should then be engraved or inscribed on a ring, pendant, or parchment leaf and kept on your person at all times.

The familiar is your principal point of contact for all strategic and secret information pertaining to living vampirism. (S)he is

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emphatically not, however, a metaphysical crutch, teddy bear, or substitute for the active exercise of your own will and intellection.

For example, if you need to better understand the complex personality of a rival or potential target, feel free to petition your familiar for deeper comprehension. The familiar may also be addressed if you find that you are unable, despite your best efforts, to vanquish an enemy or get a solid handle on an adverse situation. Generally in such cases, the familiar will not solve the problem for you but will instead give you sufficient information to more effectively grapple with the difficulty.

No matter how dramatic the appearance of Bimé and/or his personal familiar, the bulk of valuable information conveyed from them is transferred subtly. The reason is not hard to ascertain, though it may appear intolerably pragmatic for initiates weaned on fictionalized accounts of magickal workings that pop up so frequently in the popular media.

Because they are so intelligent, denizens of the demonic realms as a whole are remarkably energy-efficient, and astral vampire spirits are perpetually concerned with matters of energy economy and movement. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that they will rarely use more energy than is absolutely necessary to carry out tasks.

Interpreting information from your familiar, then, is an art that must be mastered. Do not expect neatly-packaged answers: some of the most profound demonic communications arrive in the form of deep intuitions, omens, synchronicities, dreams, and atypical events.

Just as the senses of a jungle predator are stripped and ready for action at a moment's notice, your own senses - internal and external - must be revamped and reinvigorated so as to accurately resonate with such subtle impulses.

Your familiar may be formally petitioned in a number of ways, and it is possible that (s)he will personally fill in the blanks on exactly how this process is to be carried out. If no specific methods are

forthcoming, however, feel free to employ any of the following techniques:

- Draw the familiar's sigil in self-igniting incense or finely powdered incense and charcoal on a metal or ceramic plate or outside on any suitable flat surface. Ignite the incense while meditating on the question at hand. (If a suitably isolated outdoor area can be located, the sigil may be drawn in gunpowder and ignited.)
- Visualize the sigil as intensely as possible prior to sleep. Insights will appear in subsequent dreams, waking visions, or hypnogogic states.
- Spill your own blood or that of a small animal before an alter upon which the sigil has been ensconced. An alternate method is to draw the sigil in blood.
- Strongly visualize the sigil during sexual climax. (This technique is quite potent if you can convince your partner to do the same - and your climaxes more or less coincide.)
- After extracting energy from another via any vampiristic technique, dedicate the life-force so gleaned to your familiar by visualizing it entering or creating its own sigil.

The Vampire's Pact

Perhaps the single most valuable service Bimé and his cohorts may perform is that of pact-enabled vampirization. This is where you together with Bimé (either directly or via his familiar) combine forces in a wholly integral fashion to vampirize prominent individuals or even entire groups of people. The simultaneous, combined power of the demons and an initiated member of the Ardeth is indeed a current that is hard to resist!

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When you work so intimately with the astral Master of all vampires, you truly receive gnosis attainable only by an authentic elite, validated via the subtly complex praxis of pact-making.

Pacts bring the initiate into contact with demonic intelligences in a fashion that is not only palpably intense but also notably protracted. Thus, it should not be surprising that ratified pacts - and the rare objects typically concretizing and embodying these - have been zealously coveted by occultists of all stripes since time immemorial.

For example, the Malaysian Bajang or Polong is a container embracing a malicious spirit, which may be repeatedly called forth by its owner on missions of wrath. Bajangs and Polongs embody demonic pacts. They are quite challenging to create and maintain - the Polong must be fed daily with the sorcerer's blood - but can remain operational indefinitely and so be widely passed around amongst initiates or even down from one generation to another.

The longer such an object is correctly maintained and used, the greater is its power.

Famous so-called "power objects" like the Spear of Longinus, the Hope Diamond, and the Mitchell-Hedges Crystal Skull are well-known examples of pact-embodiments that have, over centuries of use and abuse, lost their way in a labyrinth of incompetence, weakness, and greed.

Only savvy initiates who have come into personal contact with items of this nature can tell if they are still able to be employed for their original purposes - and precisely how such aims may be realized in practice.

Although not every viable pact is enshrined within a physical object, most do make use of such living symbols, since they facilitate convenience: the pact-embodiment is the closest thing to push-button occult power you are likely to encounter and so is well worth the effort and expense needed to create it.

Pact-making is an intermediate-level Ardeth activity and cannot be successfully carried out *de novo*. So that neophytes make no mistakes, let us be clear on the exact set of prerequisites necessary to forge a workable pact with Bimé:

(1) You must have some practical experience with and understanding of what we have described as the Current.

(2) You must have performed at least a few crude preliminary workings with Circulata.

(3) You must have gained some longed-for desire via a personally crafted sigil.

(4) You must have, without adverse consequence, personally vampirized the energy of three or more individuals.

(5) You must have invoked Grand Duke Bimé at least once with some measure of success. Do not fudge on this point! If you have been unable to make contact, or the contact was, for any reason, less than satisfactory, you must not proceed further, lest you seriously endanger your mind and body. Rather than moving on to pact-making, strive to open yourself to the intelligence that is Bimé as well as the overwhelming energy that makes up the essence of his ancient being.

(6) You must be able to set aside two to four uninterrupted hours of intense ceremonial working on as many days.

(7) You must be able to spend several hundred dollars or more on what will become the pact embodiment itself: i.e. the power object proper. If you are a craftsperson of the first order, this figure may be reduced, but only at a cost of vastly increased time. Look at the expenditure as a monetary rather than a sanguinary sacrifice, because it is absolutely necessary.

A reliable spirit ambassador of Bimé continually operating under his direct supervision and sanction cannot be expected to reside contentedly in pedestrian items like a toothpick, sandal, cheap piece of

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paper, costume jewelry, or undistinguished pebble! Demons are used to living in palaces: be sure to give the symbolic material equivalent to any spirit who is responsible for upholding a pact.

It is the same in the gross material world with which we are familiar: representatives of great government or industrial powers live lavishly as a matter of course. We should expect nothing less of demonic vicars, whose empires extend across cosmic expanses of space and time.

Remember that pact-making confers enormous powers and thus is rightly considered a luxury. Many Ardeth, lacking energy, fortitude, or resources, forego it altogether. Once you have made the decision to create a pact, move with determination and dispatch. To place matters in perspective at this point, it should be duly noted that few living vampires have ever managed to forge more than a single viable pact in one lifetime.

Preliminaries for the Pact

Remember: the pact-making entity, while generally a lower-ranking demon than its chief, is not an egregore (a topic that will be amply covered later in this volume). It is a venerable demon hierarch in its own right. Affairs dealing with such spirits must possess a definitive quality or they degenerate into purely imaginative exercises.

Know well beforehand what you want to achieve via your pact. Because Bimé and his lieutenants primarily oversee vampiristic activity, confine your desires to elements especially germane to that realm.

Although such topics lie outside the scope of this work, pacts with other demons and Goetic spirits are also quite feasible for those who wish to attain knowledge and power irrelevant to Ardeth concerns. Many instructions given here may be readily adapted by the knowledgeable for workings of this kind.

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Some Ardeth pact goals that have proved fruitful throughout the past include, but are by no means limited to:

- Ability to locate the most fruitful targets, both in terms of energy and knowledge
- Ability to suddenly extract such enormous amounts of life energy that damage rapidly ensues to the target
- Ability to gather and maintain a feeding herd
- Ability to quickly ingratiate oneself with valuable targets
- Ability to overcome target resistance with little effort
- Ability to vampirize for a lengthy period without attracting undue attention
- Ability to vampirize many people simultaneously

As repeatedly emphasized above, the pact will best be embodied or actively linked via an exceptionally striking material object. This should be chosen carefully prior to any actual workings. *The object must somehow symbolize your magickal will in the Ardeth context*; it may be wholly natural or crafted, though in the former case it must possess some obviously rare and remarkable quality.

Many Ardetha select pact embodiments that have a history congruent with the ambience of living vampirism. Some interesting examples include:

- Instruments used for torture and execution
- Ancient weapons
- Tools previously employed for bloodletting rites
- Fierce idols or fetishes

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- Objects owned by or intimately associated with deceased Ardetha
- Elaborately engraved teeth and bones of beasts of prey
- Royal relics

Needless to say, items of this nature may not be available, even if the initiate is willing to pay a steep sum. Should this prove to be the case, one may engrave the sigil of Bimé or his chosen spirit representative on a lavishly crafted gold, silver, emerald, or platinum pendant or ring under appropriate astrological auspices.

Once this object has been physically created, it must be wrapped in silk and kept from all profane hands and eyes from that time forth, as it has already begun to acquire an aura of demonic sanctity.

One should receive a very definitive impression of the pact-entity's name from Bimé. If nothing whatsoever is forthcoming on this score despite your best efforts, one should postpone the pact. The psychic mechanisms for pacts that have the preapproval of the spiritual Master of Vampires will be relatively easy to put into motion, right from the start.

You will want to construct a circle of special invocation. This is not the traditional Right Hand Path circle that foolishly attempts to exclude demonic spirits but rather a graphically-based focusing device for the mind, much like a psychic lens, that serves to concentrate all the forces developed via the ceremony by apparently circumscribing the actual space involved.

Again making certain that your place of working will remain absolutely undisturbed, use rope, chalk, powdered incense, salt, or iron filings to construct a circle 5-9 feet across.

Place your pact object directly at the center and sit or stand near, with a small incense burner charged with Bimé's select incense and

container of water. Both you and the object should be set within the circle's perimeter.

Cense the four cardinal directions of the circle, beginning with the East and proceeding counterclockwise; follow immediately by sprinkling water into the same quarters.

Spend between 10 minutes and an hour simply meditating on what you wish to achieve within the space you have created, then leave. *Do this every day for 3-9 days.* By this time your dreams and visions will begin to play a vital role in further guidance of the ceremony.

Forging a Demonic Pact for Vampiric Power

It is critical that you utilize the same sacred space previously employed for preliminary charging of the power object. Again lighting Bimé's incense and keeping the prospective pact-embodiment and water nearby, cense and asperge the circle.

Holding the special object with both hands, invoke Bimé with the Great Call and wait for his inspiration to fill your entire body/mind complex.

You will thenceforth throughout the ceremony act as a combination of yourself and Bimé. The sensation of willful duality may seem peculiar or even pathological at first, but do not become anxious. Like a new suit of clothes, the experience will soon grow on you to the point where it feels entirely natural. In this supernal state, your every move and thought will be channeled in and through the demonic Master so that no mistakes are made.

Gazing with newly-aware eyes at the selected power object, hold it aloft and declaim:

“By the ineffable praxis of Grand Duke Bimé, eternal ruler of all vampires, I sanctify this (name the type of object, e.g. ring, weapon, stone, etc.) as a holy temple and dwelling place of his terrestrial deputy (name the spirit authorized by Bimé as his representative).

May (name the spirit) dwell therein as long as I and those who follow maintain the adamantine rule of the Ardeth. May (name the spirit) respond and do as bidden in service of Grand Duke Bimé's will. Let my vow be sealed forever with my blood. Appear (name the spirit) before me now to ratify my sacred pact!"

Cut yourself as you utter the final sentence and let your blood flow over the pact-embodiment. If you have performed all correctly, the representative spirit or something symbolizing it will summarily manifest to your inner vision. There may, in addition, be various external signs.

Extend the power object to the spirit so that there appears to be contact of some sort. At this point, the spirit will abruptly vanish as it takes its place within the pact-object itself. The consequent change in atmosphere will seem very profound: the air surrounding you will go from being charged up with a palpable electricity to utter calm. Understand that this change is the definitive signal that the pact has been successfully forged.

Thank Bimé briefly yet sincerely and request full use of your body/mind complex again. Leave the circle and rewrap the object in its silken covering. The wrapped object may be placed within another container out of respect, if you like.

Making the Best of Your Pact

The simple act of forging a pact will prove quite empowering in every aspect of your life. Despite their braggadocio, most occultists, satisfying their vacuous egos with rudimentary charging of objects, have never taken such a profound rite to completion.

But the proof of the pact is in the working! As you go about your daily business, you will naturally come across situations that remind you of why you expended the effort to create your pact.

When you come across such events and experiences, it is best to remove the power object from its silk cocoon just as you prepare for

sleep. *Make certain that only fully initiated Ardetha ever touch or see the object!* If the object can be worn surreptitiously, put it on. If not, place it near your bedside.

The demon that dwells within the object will deliver a message to you during your slumber. Be fully receptive to any experiences you undergo during this time. Remember: even the most powerful spirits do not often speak conversationally. They prefer communicating ideas and impressions mind-to-mind rather than filtered and obfuscated through the blunting conventions of mundane speech.

The message from your pact entity need not take the form of images or, indeed, any sense data at all. If you awake with a surging certainty of what to do, you have accurately received the communication! Or, conversely, if you arise burdened with a cloud of trepidation, the spirit has told you that you are on the wrong track and should re-evaluate what is going on.

In any case, give some thought to what the spirit has to say before moving to the next phase of your plan.

Having attained the familiar's approval, your scheme is certain to succeed!



Chapter 9: Sacred Salt

Upon black marble
 Girded with rubies
 One crystal of Salt
 Adorns the altar
 Of the Three-headed One

All feed, but few feast
 Only the highest
 Bask in the taste,
 Revealing the privilege
 Of the Midnight Sun

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Touch the glory
Of the shining
The humblest action
Transubstantiated
Into power
Unimaginable

Salt is solidity
Cast into life's base
It enfolds death
Transcending time and space
It creates unity,
The flavor of victory

Who understands the secret
Cannot communicate the flavor
Who speaks openly
Has never drained
The Lightning Cup

Salt is the matrix,
Shining talons
Of infinite simplicity

“Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are.”

Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

Communion and Rank

The ultimate feature distinguishing living vampires from other high-level demonic initiates is repeated engagement in the act of “communion.” Communion designates direct, proactive co-optation of vital resources from advanced, albeit inferior, life-forms.

Communion is a special act engaged in only by authentic Ardetha. Eating meat is not communion, nor is downing a shot-glass of blood

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donated by a masochistic Goth pretender. Vampires are immediately superior to all ordinary humans. Communion denotes feeding, and feeding vitalizes all aspects of life.

Technically, communion can be of two types: common and sanguinary. Generally, when we speak of communion, we are referring to strictly energetic exploitation. While etiquette must be observed for such feasts, there are few, if any, legal restrictions involved. Sanguinary communion means blood-drinking and is another matter entirely.

By this time it should be obvious to the astute reader that only Ardetha occupying positions at the absolute zenith of the social order possess the prerequisite legal invulnerability necessary for regular sanguinary communion.

Being altogether above statutory constraints, the top echelons of society have ever indulged their blood-lusts at will. Success brings privilege, and only the most privileged among the Ardetha - the elite of the elite - may intimately contemplate the delights of sanguinary communion.

This volume, therefore, will barely touch upon the secrets of sanguinary communion, as such arcana are justly restricted to societal leaders.

When it comes to matters of communion, the preponderance of solitary Ardetha and/or those of lesser capability are relegated to the level of hunter-gatherers. Seeking targets of opportunity, they prepare their primary meals from psychic energy extracted from the temporarily vulnerable. Whenever possible, these lower-order initiates may occasionally draw knowledge, wealth, and service from those with seriously attenuated mental capabilities.

The lifestyle of these living vampires may be likened to predators like wildcats, hawks, rattlesnakes, mosquitoes, wolverines, etc. For them, communion is irregular and largely fortuitous. Pragmatically, they may be encountered in any profession or walk of life. Individuals in this

class may be able to practice true sanguinary vampirism on extremely rare occasions but always at unimaginably great risk.

Higher-order, more savvy Ardetha, on the other hand, may be compared to lions, wolves, killer whales, or piranhas. Wise to the ways of the world and rarely hunting alone, their combined forces make for communion that is periodic and schematized.

Master-manipulators, they root up prey not through dependence upon the vagaries of circumstance but rather by consciously precipitating requisite events and emotions in selected targets. Most of these vampires populate venerable professions like law, medicine, journalism, business, and marketing. Some of these individuals may be gifted and cunning enough to practice actual sanguinary vampirism periodically and cautiously, on very special occasions.

Now the supreme ranks of the Ardetha are so efficient and effective that they have few parallels in nature: driver and army ants would perhaps offer the closest comparison, at least in terms of *modus operandi*. Their lodges are extremely secretive, and their rolls frequently populated with generation upon generation of familial vampires.

(It is a testimony to the perennial ignorance of the masses that few notice and fewer care that, for example, the direct descendents of William the Conqueror hold positions of enormous power and influence today - a half-century after the ostensible “triumph of Western democratic ideals” and almost a thousand years after William’s death!)

These remarkable individuals set the tone and rhythm for all of society’s various herds. They are the primary worldwide leaders of industry, finance, media, education, and religion. All vital affairs whatsoever take place under their relentless scrutiny and are filtered through their hands so as to yield the greatest benefit to their number.

The supreme Ardetha quite literally farm the world’s population as if they were no different than hogs and cattle; owners of the planet and

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everything in it, they represent the highest development possible for embodied *homo sapiens* at this time in history. *Only* supreme Ardetha possess the social power, insularity, and organizational resources to practice true sanguinary vampirism on a daily basis, if they so choose.

Your feeding style - that is, the type of communion in which you engage -must conform to who you really are. It is both foolish and counterproductive to pretend to an estate of which you have no part. Moving up the Ardeth ranks is challenging, requiring fully as much diplomacy as rapacity. Do not reach for delicacies that are not suitable to your station, lest your arm be sliced off!

Ways and Means of Fostering Robust Communion

Because this volume is meant largely for those who are just entering the rolls of living vampires, this section will concentrate on fundamental techniques whereby post-initiatory communion is enhanced and secured.

Just as it would be unwise to sit down at the dinner table with filthy hands and utensils, so unhygienic modes of vampiristic feeding should also be assiduously avoided. If communion is carried out in haphazard ways, the careless vampire may ingest destructive energies, unnourishing forces, or possibly unleash the wrath of other, more advanced Ardetha.

The vampiristic equivalent of communal cleanliness is termed “shielding.” Shielding allows feasting upon appropriate targets via suitable modes that minimize possible damage to the vampire. The following illustrate some basic scenarios for effective shielding:

Trolling a Crowd

When scouring a crowd for pass-by feeding, avoid selecting your target at random. Nor should you rely solely upon physical appearance as a criterion.

Crowds present, as a rule, a spectrum bridging two types of target extremes: hardy individuals who possess a surplus of life-force but also offer the highest probability of resistance and weakened targets who offer a very easy but distinctly low-quality feed.

Your first step should be to conduct a psychic scan of the entire crowd. Sink and then center your consciousness in your lower abdomen. If you can do this so as to generate a sensation of heat at that vital point, so much the better. Feel the flow of Current, however it may manifest. Then open up both outer and inner perceptions in an ever-widening circle, like the petals of a flower.

After a little practice, you will literally be able to feel the current-carrying capacity of every individual engulfed by your expanding circle of perception. You will be able to observe idiosyncratic constrictions of mental and physical debility as well as unusual charisma and potency.

What you are looking for is the “choice communion,” i.e. a person who is robust enough to provide a meaningful banquet of energy yet naive enough to offer minimal resistance. When you think you have located such a target, *link the Current to your breath and breathe in the vital essence of your selection*. Feel as if you are sucking in vital energy straight from the target’s body.

If you have sensed correctly, the energy flow will immediately prove deep, rich, and intensely satisfying. If the target swoons, appears disoriented, or faints, you know you have done an admirable job. Stupid yet vigorous targets can be rapidly tapped with no untoward consequences whatsoever for the vampire.

Overcoming Problematic Communions

Sizing up situations before you act is the height of prudence and is therefore recommended. However, there is often a significant gap between the ideal and the real. In the event you are unable to sense a crowd’s condition correctly, you may well find that your target’s condition proves less than optimal.

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One may encounter difficulties with prospective energy donors in one of two ways: the individual consciously or unconsciously blocks your feed or the energy itself is so polluted it cannot be absorbed directly.

Unconscious blocking is generated by a temporarily fortuitous (for the unwitting donor!) balance of inner tensions and can usually be overcome with relative ease. If you can either relax or panic your target, an exploitable opening can be created. Try bumping, brushing up against the person or asking for the time of day or directions.

Conscious blocking can entail much more serious consequences. If you fail to reconnoiter a target properly you may inadvertently attempt communion on another living vampire or advanced occult practitioner.

Ardetha - and even some noninitiates who have extensive practice with techniques of psychic vampirism - inevitably develop, by virtue of their familiarity with the Current, strong blocking reflexes. Just as professional hypnotists become naturally immune to hypnotic suggestion, the practiced vampire immediately detects feeding efforts directed toward him- or herself and vigorously chokes them off at once.

In addition, Ardetha - as well as most savvy occultists - do not take kindly to involuntary energy drains. They will - as you would! - tend to strike back instantly by reversing the flow of energy. Generally, if they are powerful enough to deploy such conscious resistance, their vampiristic resources are altogether more advanced than yours. Many a magickal war has ignited upon just such a seemingly tenuous basis.

The best policy when encountering resistance is to quickly size up the target following an initial attempt at communion. No special talent or experience is necessary. Unconscious defenders will appear distracted or unconcerned. Conscious resisters, however, will look like startled tigers: their angry gaze will shift about and meet yours with surprising alacrity.

If you continue the staring match, you will probably note a sinking, nauseating feeling as your erstwhile target sucks in your vital energy

like an industrial vacuum cleaner. (S)he may well administer a curse to boot, since the appropriate channel is already open.

The most deplorable cases pit a new vampire against one who has already acquired a familiar. Here the spirit automatically rams violently destructive force straight into the tyro's weakest psychic centers: the result is long term mental or physical debility or, in the worst instances, death.

If you are attempting communion on a living vampire who is more or less a peer in the Ardeth hierarchy, you will be able put up a credible struggle against the reversal of energy flow. How to consistently win at these encounters is best left for another volume. Nevertheless, a few general pointers may prove useful:

- If you cannot mobilize a raging desire to fight and fight hard, you have lost already. Withdraw in haste!
- Use any means at your disposal to throw off your opponent's concentration. In this connection, contemplate the well-known military axiom: "If it's stupid but it works, it isn't stupid."
- Immediately reinforce your communion with vivid visualization and mantra.
- Feign weakness to temporarily gain a better "grip" on your opponent's energy channel - then quickly disrupt it as soon as (s)he relaxes.
- Feign strength by gazing deeply into your opponent's eyes. Smile! When you sense that you have created fear, visualize a wheel of spinning knives cutting the energy channel to pieces.
- Ram sexual or "root" energies into your opponent's crown or Ajna (third eye) center to temporarily disorient him or her.

Although such psychic battles may appear pointless, they do go far toward sharpening one's talents and instincts!

Ardetha who are markedly foolhardy *or* cowardly can look forward to little future in the community, so while fights should not be actively sought out, neither should they be totally avoided. By winning, you show the demonic overlords your sincerity through cleansing the Ardeth of potentially weak and unfit members.

If you have clearly stepped in over your head by attempting communion on a highly developed practitioner, it is decidedly in your best interests to apologize or grovel. Better to be a living dog than a dead lion. Practically speaking, however, the rapidly evolving character of the conflict may not even leave this option open.

Polluted Energy

Some individuals who appear at first like easy pickings will reward your intake of their life-force with energy that is intrinsically harmful. These sick individuals harbor no conscious intent to do damage; rather, the quality of their energy is so degraded and polluted that few living vampires can employ it for their ultimate benefit.

The indications that you are communing into this type of corruption include:

- Rapidly burgeoning feeling of physical malaise instead of the usual invigoration
- Overwhelming mood of sadness or depression
- Sudden regret over vampiric activity
- Increasing nervousness, trembling, and unsteady concentration

The first and most obvious defense against polluted energy is simply to cease feeding on that target. However, it is also possible to filter the negative components from the communion so as to extract that portion of the energy which may possibly be of value. You may do this via any sufficiently robust visualization wherein the pollution is cleansed and then fed back to its source.

Many Ardetha simply picture a radiant, clear, crystal egg or shell surrounding them that filters out unclean influences. More advanced initiates quickly pick out a healthy individual nearby and channel the incoming energy *through* him or her. If done correctly, the arbitrary living filter absorbs all the psychic filth, while you glean the beneficial component of the energy.

Those who find the latter technique easy may also want to make use of it for destructive work in general: simply locate a highly polluted energy source, like someone with a terminal disease or serious mental illness, and channel their energy *through* an enemy.

Prey versus Slaves

There is often confusion in the minds of novice Ardetha regarding the difference between prey and slaves. Both are duly exploited via Ardeth superiority, but the two reside in distinct categories.

While given individuals may be simultaneously prey and slave, most fall into one dominion or another. In particular, prey directly supplies energetic resources for communion; slaves operate in accord with a living vampire's desires but are not necessarily tapped for their life energy.

Vampires partake of communion frequently; energetic predation is their hallmark, their *sine qua non*. Contrary to popular lore, however, most targets can be tapped only a few times. Genuine vampirism, as opposed to role-playing or Goth stylization, removes so much vital energy from the prey that only particularly robust individuals can supply viable life-force again and again.

In fact, authentic vampirism can be utilized as an alternative to sorceric overlooking or cursing because of its massively depleting effect on prey. *When practiced by an initiated Ardeth, energetic communion has almost the same impact upon the victim as sanguinary communion.*

Prey/slave confusion has its roots in an imprecise notion of resource exploitation. Living vampires are effectively the only occult initiates who regularly draw vital energy from others for their own personal use. Many other initiates, however, understand the psychological principles needed to gather a coterie of mindless followers around themselves.

Thus, prey is the absolute prerogative of the Ardetha, but slaves may be held by both Ardetha and others. Ardetha often find that their talents for occult fascination, charismatic hypnosis, psychological misdirection, and emotional manipulation become wonderfully refined over time, but it would be arrogant - as well as erroneous - to assume that such abilities are the exclusive province of living vampires.

The Role of Egregores

An egregore is a living psychic entity created *de novo* by an initiate. Egregores have been known to occultism since time immemorial and traditionally perform highly circumscribed roles on behalf of their creator(s). Thus, they are customarily dismantled as soon as they have served their purpose.

The reader may have come across provocative tales of egregores that have escaped from the control of their originators. A handful of well-known, venerable spirits are reputed to have been birthed under precisely such inauspicious circumstances. Some legends recount how ancient Egyptian and Babylonian priests deliberately engendered egregores of enormous potency whose lifetimes would span millennia.

Delving into or analyzing such stories, however edifying, is well outside the delimited scope of this book. Nevertheless, it would behoove the aspiring Ardeth to learn some fundamentals regarding the creation, maintenance, and destruction of egregores, as these entities may provide much aid in effecting successful communion under challenging circumstances.

Why should a developing vampire devote time and trouble to creating an egregore? There are a number of good reasons:

- Unlike familiars, egregores can be readily ordered about to do astral drudge work.
- Egregores can serve as efficient force multipliers in the event of conflict or struggle.
- Egregores can serve as intelligence agents, informing and warning in timely fashion.
- Egregores can function as “herd dogs” over collections of both prey and slaves.
- Egregores can provide valuable, untiring assistance for regular vampiric communion.

The inclusion of material on egregores in this chapter testifies to their frequent use in the last-mentioned area. Scarcely any long-term Ardetha go without the services of one or more egregore for any period of time: they are tremendous labor-saving devices, comparable to modern items like the battery and ball-point pen.

Creating an Egregore

Although egregores may be created with the help of a familiar, this is really unnecessary, as the procedure is relatively straightforward and simple. It is very useful if you can join with sexual or other partners to generate an egregore, but the process can also be carried out entirely alone. Occult lodges of every degree usually maintain stables of serviceable egregores.

Egregores are always **evoked** into substantive existence, that is, they are forged from the vital essence of the vampire along with the energy of his/her prey and commanded to congeal up into a useful form entirely separate from their manufacturer. Unlike the case of a tutelary demon like Bimé or an assigned familiar, the egregore is kept apart from and ever subservient to the initiate.

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This is one of the great secrets of spirit work that all classic grimoires conspicuously fail to mention!

The first step is to set aside a circle and triangle of evocation. These may be full-blown copies of those found in famous grimoires like the *Greater Key of Solomon* or the *Goetia*, but it is perfectly acceptable to simply mark a circle of about 6-9 feet in diameter upon the ground with chalk or rope and then an equilateral triangle 1-2 feet/leg outside the circumference at the eastern quarter. The triangle should point away from the center of the circle.

Use your powers of imagination to ascertain in advance what your egregore's name, function, and appearance will be. You should also make a mental note of the time or circumstances that will herald the end of its life. Sigilize the egregore's name, and place the diagram in the center of the triangle.

With every source of energy you can muster, including but not limited to vampirized vital force from recent targets, command that the egregore appear before you in the triangle.

Again, many initiates find that the evocation rituals and texts outlined in famous grimoires are very helpful in creating the appropriate psychic ambience. When you call the egregore, actively visualize it forming itself in front of you.

At the climax of your evocation, cut yourself or sacrifice a small animal like a guinea pig, chicken, or goat. The egregore should immediately coalesce into a clear manifestation.

Charge the egregore with its mission and demand that it be permanently tied to its sigil so that further orders may be communicated quickly. Then dismiss it, wrap the sigil in cloth, and call upon your new servitor whenever it is needed for a task pertinent to its function.

Feel free to create as many egregores as you need. If a servitor is performing well, it is wise to periodically strengthen it through ritual

evocation and feeding with communed energy. Fresh vital force extracted from human donors or animal sacrifices are best.

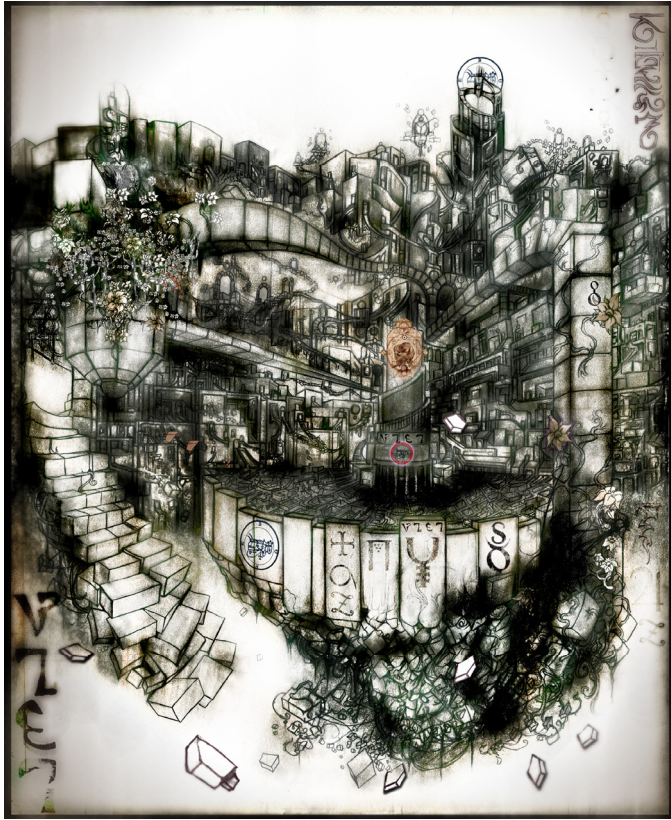
If an egregore fails to serve in the manner required, or you find that you no longer have any need for it, summon it back to the triangle and ritually destroy its sigil (along with its borrowed life). Ignore any pleas it may put forth for continued existence, no matter how eloquent or persuasive.

Working with egregores is extremely simple in principle but still requires a good sense of proportion and mental balance. In particular, you will find - as your predecessors have for many ages - that a challenging cycle is set in motion: The more useful an egregore is, the more its creators feed it. However, *the more an egregore is fed and used, the more autonomy and intelligence it displays*. Eventually, if the process continues, a “tipping point” is reached wherein the capacities of the egregore appear quite startling because it is beginning to concretize its identity and break away from the absolute dominion of its creator.

It is probably wise to dismantle the egregore on or before this point, although the initiate may be sorely tempted not to by virtue of its quality of service. Sometimes the egregore will offer the proverbial deal that cannot be refused. Each practitioner must make his or her own decision, of course.

Suffice it to say that some notorious (and fully independent) spirits of the present day did indeed commence their lives as egregores, generated by occultists of high repute for service to popular religions and cults.

Treat your egregores with prudence and intelligence: they will reward you with limitless opportunities for bountiful communion.



Chapter 10: The Twisted Road

Through eight directions roundabout
Five knots of breath and life
Do trace their route
From each, a twist or turn or coil
Rises within flesh cauldron's roil

By steam and steel
Across black night
One eye alone regards the sight
Shifted along its fateful thread
One false move
You join the dead

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Or bridge the gap that lies across
Six Steps of knowledge, gain and loss

The jagged mind that cast these streets
Of sharpened lies and just deceits
Cannot be plumbed with logic fine
Nor fast ensnared with thoughts sublime

Revolved upon that single star
Two axes roll to meet the bar
Of rosy hue piercing the night
Cry, tearing seven hearts with fright

No mortal hand upraised to show
Which way or how

The Vampires know
One touch reveals their fulsome way
Finger to lips, they must not say
But secrets four bestride this stone
And lightning flies our hero home

“I know very little about most things, but I understand the main thing.”

Vyacheslav Molotov

“War should be the only study of a prince.”

Machiavelli

“Order does not come by itself.”

Benoit Mandelbrot

Walking the Labyrinthine Path

The elect, who form both the principal subjects and contemplators of this volume, come to the supernal practice of living vampirism through variegated routes.

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As is the case in any serious discipline, those who are fortunate enough to enter this wondrous Path at a relatively early stage of life evince the greatest potential for development. Conversely, individuals who have only late in their history seen through the true origin of their vicissitudes, must arrive at the inevitable conclusion that they have sadly expended the better portion of their years in futility.

There is, of course, no reason for undue elation or sorrow at any of this. Just as talent for any complex exercise or art, whether mathematics, music, literature, science, athletics, business, or some other, is largely inborn, so inclination to Ardeth verity may be innate, long-coming, or somewhere in-between.

We have noted previously that the choice of becoming predator or prey is only offered to humans among all the beasts. It should thus be regarded as precious, even if unrecognized until the very last instant before one's demise.

Much more important than *when* one enters the path of living vampirism is *what happens* when one has finally passed through the vestibule and onward into the vast interior spaces of the Dark Cathedral.

Living vampirism, unlike the hypocritical - and altogether hypothetical - ramblings of "white lighters" and right-hand pathists, is eternally real and authentic. Connected at all points to what is rather than what should or might be, it is solidly based upon the bifurcated roots of tragedy and triumph that define the superior being, whatever its species.

Vampirism is the actual way the Ardetha live and die as opposed to ludicrous ideals, fantasies, and fairy tales espoused by the ignorant - or by Ardeth themselves in order to snare additional victims to hearty communion.

Like biological life itself, the Ardeth path is wild, contorted, and challenging, thus it has ever been styled the "Labyrinthine Way."

And as we learn from admonitory folk-tales of all ages and cultures, this labyrinth must never be entered into without sufficient consideration, for the preponderance of those who are imprudent enough to do so are destroyed.

In some ways, traditional cautionary tales of those who have made a pact with rebel angels also bear some validity in this context: Demons do not suffer fools lightly. To become an Ardeth - that is, to cooperate in partnership with ancient disembodied Entities in significant demonic enterprise - one must show solid evidence of viable intelligence, cunning, self-control, determination, concentration, courage, and ruthlessness.

In addition, there are secrets to navigating the Night Labyrinth. In the pages of this little volume the veil is lifted on dark arcana that have never before been so forthrightly revealed. Neither iron will nor idle scholarship alone wields the power to open these hitherto sealed portals: rather the keys herein are tokens of how many Ardetha have grown pathetically comfortable in their palaces of luxury - and thus how necessary this volume is for shattering that indolent complacency.

Forgetful of their vows, their spiritual mentors, and the importance of both effort and observation, prior initiates have grown fat and heedless, gradually betraying their supernal privilege. Incredibly, having been set upon the greatest heights, they have failed to come to grips with the convoluted path upon which they have embarked, thereby falling back when they least expect it into the status of prey.

Is our meaning still obscure? Look then to animals innumerable like frogs, small serpents, robber flies, wildcats, hawks, anteaters, and the like for examples of creatures that function simultaneously as both predator *and* prey. Relative immunity comes only to the topmost portion of the communion chain. While preoccupied with taking their own victims, little predators themselves may be victimized.

Dispensing with Illusion

Bimé's adamantine caveat must be symbolically emblazoned at the pinnacle of every Ardeth Cathedral, the mighty entrances to his vast and inscrutable Labyrinth:

"Set your gaze forward and back, still I dwell where you are not. Widen your disk of firelight to touch the horizons, my darkness yet encircles you."

Complacency is the enemy of every true Ardeth; so vigilance remains the very watchword of the praxis. No one, however high-born, is automatically entitled to the status of a living vampire anymore than a tiger stands fearsome and ennobled simply because it was sired by a long lineage of great predators. Remember: there are stalking tigers...and stuffed ones!

There comes a time - many a time! - when the beast must obtain communion, striking out on its own through the jungle's unforgiving maze. Only with such tests can lasting success be attained; the rest is folly.

The first and most important rule of negotiating the Ardeth labyrinth is:

- No trap, however original, is truly of your own devising. Your exquisitely well thought out strategies are, in fact, not your own: they are generated from deep within the whirling thought-forms of Bimé. Make certain, then, that they do not fall within the tactical purview of your superiors.

It is the tyro's archetypal mistake to rush on ahead whenever and wherever an open avenue to communion or exploitation is encountered. In this way, the lesser are ever consumed by the greater, with the choicest meals inevitably provided by those who have become accustomed to rich feasting.

It is the essence of surprise to realize that the trap you have laid for others has become your own undoing.

As you tread the nave of the Ardetha's echoing Cathedral, be aware of the habits of the congregation, for *you are never alone nor are your actions long hidden from those who see in the dark.*

By developing a continual and thoroughgoing perception of the Current, you will go far in avoiding unwitting self-destruction through the unguided force of your own zeal. The Current is your hidden navigator: consult it often. Action taken solely on the bases of intellect and emotion is necessarily incomplete.

All players of skilled board games like chess or Go know whereof we speak in this matter. Every move you make telegraphs your intentions; those considerably more knowledgeable than yourself need not even hatch a conscious strategy, since your errors outline a perfect one for them!

Develop convincing and complex masks, not only for your demeanor but also for your actions. Every step you take toward your prey should be stealthy, silent, and unobvious. Feign your vital moves while showing off spurious ones.

Thus you will eventually come to realize that the shape of the Labyrinth, rather than being arbitrary or contrived, enfolds naturally out of your own most intimate thoughts.

Never take the straight route to any goal, for that is how prey behaves - and how it is captured again and again.

- Place no faith in the dazzling, meretricious display of “good” motives that surround you at every turn: it is only the brightest light that blinds, the ostensibly safest path that consistently betrays.

The Role of Trust

The complete vampiristic cycle of communion is built on a foundation of trust: but this trust is the inverse of what society understands when they make use of the term.

Members of the herd trust their Ardeth masters and, in turn, the Ardetha perennially exploit that blind trust. Consistently creating solid illusions of rectitude, helpfulness, altruism, and safety, experienced vampires insure their source of nourishment for protracted periods.

Therefore neophytes must learn to open their eyes. Whenever an institution or individual claims to exist for “the greater good,” “the advancement of human welfare,” “a better society,” “the benefit of mankind,” etc. be assured that your Ardeth kin have established a successful communion protocol.

Learn to slink through the maze’s intricacies proactively, with feline deftness.

For the sake of illustration, let us take a real-life example that can now be found in many communities throughout the industrialized world:

Suppose you have forged a small commercial network whereby human organs may be quickly sold to wealthy 3rd-worlders for a heady profit. Only the most maladjusted, unfit, and ignorant Ardetha would seek to secure their needed commodity in the criminal manner of Burke & Hare, for to do so would justly condemn the perpetrators to the same fate as those thick-headed Victorian “resurrection men.”

The most adept, on the other hand, would prosper mightily by simply setting up a charitable trust to support organ donations from idealistic dupes. Instead of spending time laboring like thugs at messy wetwork in dingy hovels, the trust’s chief functionaries would spend their time on public relations campaigns.

The trust’s roster of prominent principals would include both famous Ardetha - brothers and sisters of the community who would be happy

to lend their names to your venture for a comparatively miniscule rake-off - and well-meaning Judas goats who imagine in their deluded fantasies that they are making the world a better place. The addition of one or two pragmatic-minded physicians to the staff would assure quick exits for even the marginally ill who had registered as donors. In this way, not only would a stable supply of the precious commodity be obtained but also a significant measure of social status as well.

That status, in turn, could be subsequently leveraged to yield even greater bonuses of power and profit. Ardeth ventures snowball well.

- Believe only in your vampire nature. But although you discard all dogma internally, mouth whatever doctrines you deem appropriate to put your targets at ease. Neither believe in nor hew to any fixed identity: you are an Ardeth - and that is more than enough!

Rely upon Deception

As one modern sage has aptly opined: consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds. The labyrinth deceives many, including the otherwise worthy, not so much because of its multifarious convolutions per se but on account of the fact that one turn follows so precipitously upon another.

The consciousness of the herd-person loves consistency so intensely and seeks it so zealously that it will often sacrifice its own existence if it believes consistency can be preserved thereby. Predators, however, are specialists in lightning-fast change. And the Ardetha - the undead - understand well that flux is the essence of life, while stasis ever remains the hallmark of the inorganic.

Highly codified beliefs and doctrines, therefore, have always been prime stakes upon which we impale unwitting donors of life-energy. To be snagged upon such points ourselves can easily prove lethal. The trick is to turn these instruments outwards, wielding them like foils.

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We find, then, that virtually all seasoned Ardetha are well ensconced in the silken folds of socially respected dogma. Whether they preside as judges, priests, physicians, corporate officers, political leaders, technical authorities, professors, generals, or bureaucrats, the top echelons of living vampirism hold sway over vast webs of conceptualization, ramified nets of ideas designed to pinion the unwary until they can be drained dry.

How right the venerable Anton LaVey was when he stated: “No real witches were killed in the Inquisition, because they were all going to bed with the Inquisitors.”

In order to navigate the labyrinth, you, too, like the spider, must become skilled at weaving strands of inflexible dogma into workable traps.

A good place to start is any highly-regarded community organization. Churches, civic groups, political parties, and charities have all proved to be wonderful incubators for Ardeth hierarchs.

Spend some time learning their party line, then parrot it until you begin to command respect for your serious involvement with “the cause.” Afterward, start wielding the dogma to get what you want, whether energy donors or sycophants.

Compassion is the Ultimate Debility

Life’s merciless struggle leaves no room for even the slightest ray of compassion. Compassion is the epitome of herd mentality, since it keeps many who would otherwise awaken from doing so. The *appearance* of compassion, however, is another matter entirely.

Exercising genuine compassion, especially outside of a very narrow circle of relatives and associates, is a quick route to crippling yourself. But fooling others into thinking you are compassionate is the height of cleverness and positively mandated for upward social mobility and material success.

Whenever and wherever you observe phenomena implying compassion, be assured that it is, in reality, a demonstration of one of the following:

- (1) sentimentality
- (2) mental inadequacy
- (3) psychological manipulation

Long-time Ardetha have become masters of (3). Never underestimate the power of lovely words to conceal even the most ruthless and vicious actions. To better comprehend these methodologies, carefully study how politicians of every stripe have justified their predations through the ages: every blow masquerades as a medicament, every theft is transformed into grand largesse.

Nonconformity is Suicide

Without doubt, the ultimate lunacy in treading the Labyrinth is nonconformity, as it instantly marks you for attack and destruction by the powers that be - and those powers, in turn, are driven by Ardetha! Observe how *wild predators inevitably pick those on the fringes of the herd, the unfit, the marginalized, and the peculiar as prime targets.*

The eyes and ears of the herd are everywhere: the elite vampire community has so thoroughly deluded the masses that they actually police themselves. Therefore only spurious vampires stand out from the crowd.

A Vital Lesson

Here is an edifying factual example of how an Ardeth prodigy employed skill and grace to operate in the Labyrinth:

Some years ago a young aspirant, stifled by her home environment, seduced a young lover and then used the power of her burgeoning sexuality to convince him to murder her parents. After arranging and supervising the crime, she promptly turned him in to the police.

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So powerful were her skills at feigning innocence and compassion that she soon convinced the district attorney she had been an unwilling participant in the violence and went free after she offered graphic incriminatory testimony at her paramour's trial.

The boy received a monumental sentence, but the young lady was sent off to live with a liberal-minded aunt. By the time she was ready for college, she had pretty much drained her relative of every penny, so she applied for a scholarship to several Ivy-League schools.

This youthful adept insured her acceptance at these prestigious institutions by the force of her remarkable admission essay: it dealt with the many wonderful lessons of maturity and hopefulness she learned following the tragic murder of her parents.

Given her eloquence, it was not long before she was welcomed into one of the highest-rated colleges in the land. Today, she is a successful businesswoman and feared political player, married to another multi-millionaire Ardeth, and well-regarded at the very pinnacle of vampire ranks. Her old boyfriend was murdered in the penitentiary.

Not all neophytes can demonstrate such exquisite talent and cunning, of course. And this author would be the last to recommend such a radical course to those taking their first steps upon the Path. It is a rare genius who can vault so quickly to the topmost rungs of the Ardeth ladder. But all in the community of living vampires, experienced and beginner alike, can draw many vital lessons from her story.

Creating the Circumstances You Want

In the final analysis it is not what you do that matters but what the herd believes that you do. And the herd *remains* the herd precisely because it is collectively incapable of peering beneath the outermost presentation of events.

- Turn people's minds in the directions you want by **framing**. Conversely, never allow your understanding (or yourself!) to be **framed**.

“Framing” is a technique whereby events are interpolated so as to form a simple, cohesive, easy-to-digest, pre-ordained impression. For example in life, situations never come equipped with a natural beginning, middle, and end. These concepts have been created to give the masses a certain (incorrect) view of the world and their place within it.

These ideas are so familiar to us because writers, journalists, politicians, spin-doctors, marketers, and quite a few others have made them so. They have massaged these concepts to the point where common fools have become so invested in their reality that they are willing to make any sacrifice to insure their perceived integrity!

For example: How many people have spent fortunes on psychiatrists in order to secure “closure” of a painful event? Yet natural events, taking place in an ever-shifting fractal matrix of forces and situations, are never circumscribed. These two-legged cattle have faith that their personal story must contain a definitive end - and spend their precious life energy searching for one - although the stasis they seek is pure fiction.

Just as an author creates a tale largely through framing, the Ardeth navigates the living labyrinth of life.

- Never move in a straight line.

New Ardetha frequently find themselves baffled by the incredible ingenuity of more experienced colleagues. Long used to thinking and reacting as victims, they find it challenging to adapt to the freedom and power that is their birthright as newborn predators.

Camouflage, psychological manipulation, and social subterfuge can appear dauntingly complex for those unaccustomed to such tactics. But a slight abstract shift in one’s thought patterns can work wonders, slowly but surely generating the requisite insights.

Understanding Two-Legged Meat

As noted previously, those bred to the herd always move consistently, and that means their actions inevitably follow straight-line courses.

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You can always recognize a two-legged hog by the fact that he brings his speech and activities into synch, then follows along the pathway he has just outlined for himself. A few simple examples should suffice to drive the point home.

Note the difference between how typical churchgoers incorporate the “truths of religion” into their lives and how these same doctrines are treated by the congregational leaders. While the parishioners are encouraged to feel guilty for every imagined infraction of their holy code, the ministers immediately reframe their own transgressions (which are generally of a truly egregious nature) into cosmic struggles with the forces of evil; battles that, although lost in real space/time terms, are miraculously won on a transcendental (and invisible!) level.

In recent years, for instance, some of America’s most wealthy and popular televangelists were caught red-handed patronizing whorehouses or engaging in corrupt financial practices. Were any members of the flock to behave this way, they would be soundly condemned, ostracized, and made to pay a pretty penny to buy their way back into the fold. However, when the ministers found themselves in this position, a different tune was volubly sung.

The preachers announced that they had not weakly caved into venal cravings but had either been betrayed by those lower on the church ladder or been led into a soul-searing challenge by The Prince of Darkness himself.

In each case, the ministers carefully noted how they had emerged from these awful trials bruised but unbowed. The self-styled valiant leaders had actually strengthened their congregation’s adulation! What would normally be interpreted as a scandal or worse was retrofitted to become additional testimony to the sterling qualities of the hierarchs.

When you swear allegiance to a respected doctrine, you should immediately be looking for ways to violate it and make others take the blame for your derelictions.

When you adopt what the masses consider a laudable course of action publicly, make sure you are doing something quite different in private.

When you exhort others to behave according to some dogma of virtuousness, see to it that you never venture into the same morass of nonsense yourself.

Always be ready to take responsibility for the ostensibly good deeds of others while studying how to turn your rival's benevolent deeds into crime. Profoundly take to heart Cardinal Richelieu's (founder of the modern secret police and one of history's most brilliant Ardetha) confident assertion:

“Give me six lines written by the most honorable of men, and I will find an excuse in them to hang him.”

The art of never moving in a straight line is, in reality, the art of leadership itself. It does not matter if leaders take their followers to victory or defeat, heaven or hell, pleasure or pain, so long as they inspire strong, consistent faith in their absolute right to guide. *Results are never the issue when it comes to leadership, for the ruler always lives well at the expense of the ruled.*

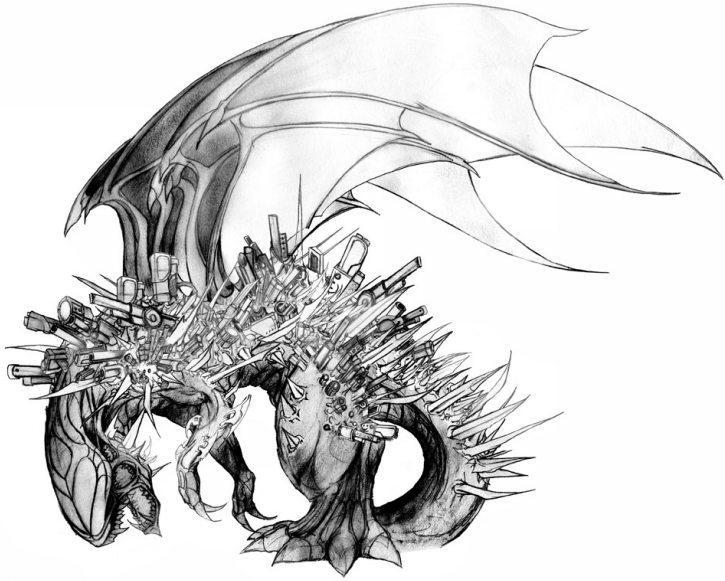
- The sword of Duplicity should be honed until it is razor-sharp.

Practice the fine art of misleading whenever and wherever possible. If you know that you do not have the talent to dupe large numbers, then practice the art on small ones. If you lack even that much ability, work first on individuals, one at a time, until you feel comfortable.

Pick a person to be exploited totally, then carry out your plan. It is often helpful to make notes, accurately marking where you have succeeded and where you have gone astray. Make sure you do not make the same mistakes on the next person in line.

If common people see through your lies, ask yourself honestly what you are doing wrong. If you are unable to acquire the requisite insight, ask your demonic mentors for help. They are ever present to assist you.





Chapter 11: THE APOCALYPSE OF AZOTHOZ

The dedicated neophyte who has come this far should meditate upon the following symbolic vision which, having been revealed solely for the mind's eye of zealous aspirants through the grace of Grand Duke Bimé, offers a harvest of immediate knowledge and power:

1. Through the slumberless eye of Him whose voice reverberates across the limits of the sky and whose sigils burn in numberless thoughts of the quick and the dead, harken!
2. As the End of our Age approached, the Abomination of Desolation, that great desert, flowed out like a dry ocean to the margins of the City.

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3. At its center rose a Temple, flanked by two immense Towers: the Left stood naked, but the Right remained covered, as if awaiting completion.
4. Then the firmament filled with thousands of Angels singing of the End of the Sixth Age of Mankind.
5. Reciting the names of all the Kings, Leaders, Presidents, Rulers, and Princes, calling out their Bloodlines and all of their Houses and Descendents.
6. Showing how they had fully accomplished their part, pushing all Reasonable Beings toward their destined Ends.
7. And I shuddered at the last Names, because they were the Leaders of this present Time.
8. Then each and every Angel drew a Flaming Sword and placed it upright to his Chest.
9. Each stayed as still as an Oak on a Windless Night, and there ensued an awful Silence.
10. A Sun so large it quartered the sky rose up behind them. The Sun was forged of living Quicksilver, setting chromatic hues all about. And so the City held its breath.
11. Then the cover fell from the Right Tower, and a Terrible Dragon rose from the Temple.
12. The Celestials sang: "Behold now the Angel who consumes the multitudes."
13. The Dragon's Light was blinding, so I could scarcely see. He was the color of shining Steel, bearing six Wings like a Seraph.
14. And I saw that He had two Legs and one Tail and six Mouths that formed one Maw.

15. And as I watched, His scales transformed into Razors and Spikes and every kind of Weapon known to man.

16. Reaching his Head out of the Clouds, he began to feast.

17. And the objects of his repast were people, which he consumed by the tens of thousands.

18. Then the Angels sang out: “Behold now the Dragon who consumes the Earth!”

19. And a huge Reptile, like a dinosaur, crawled from the Crater and straight into the bowels of the Temple.

20. It shone with the color of burnished Copper, its Head adorned with a hundred Horns.

21. It bore two huge Wings, like a Bird, that spread apart when it finished crawling out but afterwards stayed folded back.

22. And that Dragon bore a hundred mighty Tails that threshed the whole earth into dust.

23. Roaring like the wind, it ate the ground that fell apart beneath it.

24. Then the Angels sang: “Behold the Angel that consumes the skies!”

25. And a smaller Dragon, shimmering like Mercury and Chrome, rose from the Left Tower and darted straight up like a Shooting Star into space.

26. In a moment, it sucked up all the Clouds of the Firmament so that not a single one remained.

27. Then the Angels sang: “Behold the Angel that consumes the seas!”

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28. And at once a glistening blue-green Dragon studded with fins, like a monstrous eel, slithered out of the Crater to drink the Oceans of the Earth.

29. And the Angels sang: “Behold the Angel who consumes Fire!”

30. Then a walking Volcano of Flame and Magma came forth from the Temple.

31. It spewed molten innards over everything in its path.

32. It bore two Eyes and five Horns that glowed brighter than the surging lava.

33. Then the Angels sang: “Now behold the Eater of Time!”

34. And a Thing like unto a Dragon appeared in the Doorway of the Temple.

35. All the other Dragons turned to it and roared and backed away before resuming their feasts.

36. Screams and Souls filled the air.

37. The Eater of Time distended into an unformed mass of Flesh and Eyes.

38. Obeying His Charge, he drew every Moment into Himself, changing in a flash from one Thing into Another again and again.

39. I lost my solidness and my self and could barely breathe for fright.

40. Then the Angels sang: “Behold the Angel of Death!”

41. And a Dragon so immense it dwarfed the others rose slowly from the Crater.

42. I saw that it held itself aloof from the raging maelstrom, even from the work of the Eater of Time.

43. It had six Wings and six Arms, each Arm bearing a golden scythe studded with precious jewels.

44. And this Angel, created from living corpses and embers, bore three Heads.

45. Ceaselessly fuming yellow-black, like Brimstone.

46. Thus concludes the Apocalypse of Azothoz, revealed by Bimé. Let those with understanding set themselves aright!



Chapter 12: The Colony

A myriad of cells
Form a single being
Yet the crowd is divided
From itself
At every point

When many move as one
We call it birth
When each part of one
Is scattered

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Life can feed upon death

The herd is led
But the colony drives
The wind echoes with
Random cries
While the great nest feeds
In sacred silence

Ultimate force
Lies in that which unifies
Ultimate magick
Flows through
A million drops that
Seek their Sea
Ultimate insight
Knits the threads together

Words multiply
But meaning is One

A sky full of stars
Does not equal
The countless rays
Of the burning Sun

“You have a choice. Live or die. Every breath is a choice.”

Chuck Palahniuk

“I ate them before they ate me.”

Idi Amin

“I’m quite modest. I don’t want to tell people I’m a leader.”

Pol Pot

Rationale of the Lodge

That there is indeed strength in numbers is a fact amply attested to through multifarious modern disciplines of science and psychology. The Romans of two millennia ago inaugurated the phrase “e pluribus unum,” i.e. “one out of many” that is popular on today’s coinage. They also drove this concept home with the symbol of the fasces: a thick bundle of straw held together by a circumscribing thread. While individual straws could be broken with ease, the united bundle could not be damaged by even the strongest man.

Yet, there is deep irony for us in the fact that, although nothing of major significance can be accomplished outside of a group context, all profound achievement originates only via the thought and works of solitary individuals. Nowhere is this paradox perceived with greater intensity than in the Ardeth community.

The masses of animal-like humanity provide raw material for living vampires, so the made vampire is inevitably one who stands out from the crowd intellectually, culturally, morally, and psychically. But, however the strength of given individual vampires, awe-inspiring Ardeth power only burgeons through co-operative hunting and group action.

Our society as a whole is largely the product of Ardeth manipulation, and all operations necessary for its maintenance as a continual resource are too widespread and complex to be handled by single, autonomous practitioners.

In nature too, while solitary predators like the leopard and eagle may impress us, consistent success lies inevitably with entities like wolf packs and nests of driver ants. Thus the necessity for consciously determined groups of living vampires, for it is only by means of closely coordinated group activity that the Ardeth Current per se may be solidly established as a perennial wellspring of superior potency.

Winnowing Wheat from Chaff

Once an individual has been firmly set upon the Ardeth path, having tasted the kiss of Bimé and the sweet fruits of practice, there comes a

time when (s)he will feel positively egged on by the Current to join in collective ventures with fellow-initiates.

But, as we have noted in a prior chapter, the Path is intrinsically labyrinthine, and nowhere is the possibility for delusion and error so great as in the resurgence of group sensibilities. The group, after all, is one of the primary wellsprings of mass enslavement; nothing so typifies the ignorant, uninitiated masses as herd mentality and the meretricious comfort of group-think.

To make matters worse, there is no assurance that other Ardetha will not view newer, more naive, vampires as targets rather than colleagues. Because empathy and compassion are commonly feigned by living vampires, many eager neophytes are easily led on to their own destruction. Given this rather edgy situation, how do Ardetha ever actually manage to pool their talents for greater rewards?

Let us begin our considerations at the top and work our way down.

The most powerful and important Ardeth organizations do not even possess formal designations by which they can be identified, and members, sworn to secrecy under the most dire oaths, never so much as acknowledge the existence of these affiliations at any time.

These super-elite Orders induct a handful of brothers and sisters annually via a secret selection process. Prospective members pass through a series of instructions, assignments, and tests (usually six but sometimes as many as twenty-two) lasting one to three years wherein their ultimate worth to the group is finally established.

The test results thus obtained serve to generate a chain of command, with the lower levels having no knowledge of who occupies the topmost positions.

Those who prove markedly incompetent at their tasks or who betray the organization, its members, or its secrets are dealt with harshly so as to never rise again. On the other hand, those who display especially

noteworthy talents or Ardeth virtues may rapidly find themselves occupying vital decision-making offices.

No efficient group can function with two or more heads. Thus, at the pinnacle of each group is the G.M.O. (Grand Master of the Order) whose word is absolute for all matters great and small.

The Social Hierarchy of Living Vampires

But how do the most powerful lodges come up with their lists of potential candidates?

All authentic Ardeth organizations are organized into a loose pyramidal structure that mimics the inner structure of the Supreme Orders. That is, each Supreme Order holds within its aegis a group of lesser Temples - and those, in turn, informally supervise lesser Lodges still, and so on. For most initiates, the hierarchy is nominally classified from top to bottom according to the following simple schema:

1. Orders, of which there are fewer than a dozen on the entire planet
2. Temples, which are usually home to particularly wealthy, influential, and/or famous affiliates
3. Lodges, which constitute the true rank-and-file of Ardeth operations
4. Grottos, where the primary winnowing of gifted Ardetha from their less capable brothers and sisters takes place
5. Covens, which can range from thirteen to over fifty living vampires
6. Households, which derive their name from the fact that they are often organized around a long-standing family lineage
7. Clutches, which form and dissolve easily and quickly. Their transitory form indicates how low their status really is, yet they provide a perennially sturdy set of ever-shifting roots that supports the organizations above.

Because each grouping of living vampires is less significant than the one directly on top of it, control - and membership selection - becomes ever more tenuous as one travels down the pyramid.

This particular geometrical/organizational analogy has found its way into a variety of contexts that are familiar to ordinary people: note, for instance, the symbology of the Eye in the Pyramid that proudly gazes out over all US monetary affairs. Some would have you believe that this derives in some mysterious roundabout way from common Freemasonry, but the truth is known by all Lodge-affiliated Ardetha!

Each organizational level is well acquainted with the ones lying directly beneath and duly recruits from them. Individual initiates with the ill-advised temerity to approach levels above their own are customarily repulsed, exploited, or dispatched to another plane of existence.

Roles of the Conductor Magister

Because of the intense secrecy that characterizes all Ardeth affairs, no lower-level initiate is aware of the precise rank of recruiting personnel or those who conduct ritual initiations into higher offices. The Conductor Magister (C.M.) represents upper echelons of the Order to those lower on the totem pole. As a principal conduit for high-level authorities a C.M. has two basic roles:

(1) Bestowing vital guidance and direction upon groups of living vampires. This function includes the actual founding of such organizations. Once the preliminary form of the group has been sealed, the C.M. generally withdraws back to his/her own Temple, appearing at intervals to oversee the group's progress.

(2) Actively recruiting promising candidates from affiliate organizations and subsequently initiating these individuals into higher mysteries and duties.

Ideally, any manifest Ardeth society lower than a Temple should answer to a single C.M., who vouchsafes the group's authenticity. In

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practice, however, matters often become messy. Since any two or more initiates can form a Clutch *de novo*, the lowest levels of vampire life may go for long periods without any real connection to or guidance from above.

Similarly - but more tragically - inexperienced Ardetha who possess some managerial gifts have founded multi-headed Households and even Covens. It is usually not long before these pride-blinded leaders begin to take advantage of their positions in the most petty and venal fashion. Claiming remarkable (and wholly fictive) powers, they short-circuit their vampiristic instincts into eccentric cult activities, draining and disempowering their devotees even as they pump themselves up with pathetically modest material and sexual gain.

Paradoxically, only the best-led, most hierarchically organized lodges rigorously police themselves. Independent Ardetha are therefore perfectly free to waste their insight and powers on ludicrous machinations, if they so choose: the ultimate loss is theirs and theirs alone.

Omitting total frauds and pretenders then, we find that societies of living vampires tend to take one of two mutually-exclusive forms:

- (1) Clutches, Households, and sometimes even Covens operating under arbitrary, exploitative, and spiritually spurious leadership.
- (2) Hierarchically ordered and spiritually potent groups that operate directly and consistently under the living aegis of powerful Orders.

The task of the neophyte is to accurately differentiate between these two. Fortunately, for those with patience, pragmatism, and a solid connection to the Current, this task is not difficult:

- Freewheeling Households are obsessed with style over substance. This is a direct reflection of their leaders' short-sightedness, shallowness, and impotence. If you note a great concern over matters like celebrations, partying, Goth clothing and accoutrements, eccentric dental artifice, and generally

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acting so as to inspire fear and loathing in the herd community, you may be assured that you are dealing with base Ardeth coinage.

- Authentic Covens are concerned with personal and ritual integrity and - most of all! - the material success and well-being of their membership. Nonconformity, social dissent, actions that generate unfavorable or controversial attention, and flaunting of initiatory status are strictly forbidden.
- Any Household that proactively solicits membership from the general populace has been organized exclusively for exploitative purposes - and those who get exploited are the members themselves. Pigs at the trough and lowing cattle may not declare themselves to be living vampires by simple fiat!
- Conversely, genuine Lodges extend invitations prudently, cautiously, diplomatically, and on very limited bases. Nothing about authentic Lodge business is ever published or generally disseminated. Not even a two-person clutch can be authoritatively founded without the thoughtful sanction of a seasoned C.M. operating as the appendage of a higher-level group.
- Authentic Lodges and their affiliates do not conduct public discourse about any aspect of Ardeth life. A single finger raised to the lips is the symbol of Harpocrates, the Egyptian Lord of Silence: it is graven either literally or figuratively upon the outermost portal of every Ardeth meeting-place. And its meaning is adhered to faithfully.

To make the task even easier, neophytes may note the chief characteristics of a genuine C.M. documented in the following list.

An authentic Conductor Magister:

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- Possesses real psychic power, including the ability to influence minds at a distance, alter situations, enter dreams, and obtain clairvoyant insight into both people and events.
- Appears in the guise of a normal, fully-functioning citizen who, for all outward intents and purposes, cannot be identified as an occultist let alone a living vampire.
- Invites and guides prospective members of his/her Order diplomatically and subtly.
- Aids affiliated initiates at every level, no matter how insignificant, while bringing traitors and enemies of every stripe to rapid destruction.
- Never breaches vows of secrecy nor promises more than can be reasonably delivered.
- Although posing requirements and tests, does not make initiation into higher levels contingent upon sexual, monetary, or other favors.

Dynamics of Entrance into the Sacred Chambers of the Ardeth

Equipped with the above knowledge, newly made vampires may grasp exactly how they may join in authentic confraternities of practicing brothers and sisters.

First and foremost must come the burning desire to take part in coordinated vampirism. A fair portion of initiates are content to operate in solitary mode for their entire lives. In doing this, they are functioning entirely as nature intended. Although such individuals will rarely, if ever, know the power and triumphs inherent through the working of Orders and their appended groups, they have gained a level of understanding and freedom never vouchsafed to human cattle.

Next, prospective members must patiently occupy themselves with discreet research and inquiry. They should prudently forego

approaching possible members of any group higher than a Coven, even if they can identify these Ardetha with a reasonable degree of certainty. Since all well-established living vampires are proficient in the arts of survival, newcomers would best avoid any appearance of aggression, ego-inflation, and temerity. All things come to he who waits!

Given the situation outlined above, it is not uncommon to find that the diligent neophyte is unexpectedly approached either by the C.M. or one of his/her close ambassadors. This is not really as unusual as it appears: the Orders and their affiliate groups extend their surveillance tentacles into even the remotest corners of social existence. When highly promising initiates come within their purview, they are quick to move. Should this be the case, the candidate should proceed carefully under the guidance of this new influence.

If an authentic C.M. communiqué does not emerge, the candidate may be less than exceptional although still far from unqualified. In such a case, information obtained through research must then be systematically employed in order to effect the first contact. The traditional manner of doing this will be addressed below.

Thus, if you are confident in your abilities, and data have been uncovered indicating either a Clutch or Household or the possible identity of a C.M., the following procedure should be carried out:

1. Take some time to deeply meditate upon the identified contact via the Current. Do not rush. Seek to ascertain whether or not the individual or group you have noted lies within the flow or outside of it. If you possess a familiar, consult it. Do not hesitate to actually invoke Duke Bimé, if you are able. When in doubt, proceed no further toward the object of the meditation.

2. If your meditations and invocations have answered in the affirmative, that is, that your discovered contact is authentic, directly request some sort of preliminary two-way communication. This initial unilateral request must be done with honesty, grace, and humility. If

you are not capable of exercising these virtues, you have no business going further in this sensitive endeavor!

3. If your efforts at self-introduction are reciprocated, treat the Lodge representatives or C.M. with the utmost respect, and maintain an open mind. Pseudo and wannabe organizations are inclined to utilize the brainwashing technology common to most cults: the neophyte is, at first, overwhelmed with love and warm collegiality. Authentic Ardeth groups, however, do not function in this fashion.

Induction

If you are fortunate enough to be inducted into an Ardeth Lodge, the duties incumbent upon your membership will be strongly brought home to you on a number of levels simultaneously. These phenomena should serve as both test and proof of the organization's authenticity: if they do not appear, you may want to reconsider your commitment. If they do, you can rest assured that you have obtained what so many covet and so few achieve: incorporation into the main body of living vampirehood.

Around the time of your ritual confirmation you should experience an increase in dream intensity and numbers, with the content directly related to the vampire realm. Waking visions of the same character are also possible and should be welcomed for any important messages they might carry.

In addition, you will observe a boost all your natural and psychic talents and powers. If you are an artist, your works will blossom; if a businessperson, your schemes will bear fruit in a variety of unexpected ways; if you are clairvoyant, your sensitivity will increase many-fold, etc. This expansion of power is the natural concomitant of entrance into a compatible current composed of like-minded, elite practitioners. It is only a foretaste of what is possible for long-time, loyal members of Ardeth Lodges.

Organizational Etiquette

Few Ardeth organizations offer explicit instruction in etiquette: they assume that even the greenest candidates possess enough intelligence to perceive on which side their bread is buttered and how to maintain decorum, even as they learn. Notwithstanding that, the authors believe they would not be remiss if some fundamentals of Ardeth protocol are addressed specifically.

An Ardeth organization, whatever its level, is an extension of very ancient courts and societies. The etiquette observed therein is naturally a reflection of how the leaders of civilization treat each other rather than how they treat the ignorant rabble whom they govern and exploit.

In the former case, real respect is extended to superiors, inferiors, and colleagues; in the latter, only feigned and meretricious regard is displayed. There is a great divide between these two behaviors, and it behooves the neophyte to definitively understand the extent of the difference.

Whether in the jungle or in palaces, the topmost members of the food chain invariably treat one another with the greatest of mutual respect, so it is not surprising that this same deference is the rule for Ardetha, whenever and wherever they come together for mutual benefit. Were this not the case, adepts would expend their precious time and energy tearing one another apart instead of pooling their resources for mutual gain.

Indeed, this continuity and sincerity of respect is one of the most distinguishing elements of an Ardeth Lodge, as compared with any other confraternity of occult adepts. A quick perusal of the history of magickal secret societies will suffice to illustrate this point: the overwhelming majority of “high lodges” and chapters divide and degenerate within two decades of their founding. If the same process held true for the Ardetha, society would have collapsed into a shambles quite a few millennia ago.

The organizational Ardeth core is held together by blood oaths as well as ties of interconnecting interests. Know that these are as real and

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solid - are indeed in many ways more substantial! - than any mundane monuments of steel and stone. Therefore, it is vital to acknowledge the hierarchy in all matters touching upon Ardeth concerns.

Dissent, nonconformity, eccentricity, and disloyalty are the very hallmarks of uninitiated rabble. Unable to govern their own minds and affairs, they presume to know what is best for others and thereby sow the seeds of their own exploitation and destruction.

The Ardeth is a very different creature: instead of fantasizing his or her superiority, he or she actually is superior. And superior individuals - the great predators - understand to the very depths of their souls the unbreachable gulf *between them and us!*

The Ardeth obeys superiors not out of false, fawning obsequiousness but because discipline and in-group cohesiveness form the nets that catch prey every time.



Chapter 13: Earth

Rising from dust
And falling back
The power of Earth
Assumes all shapes
But is bound to none

From the mote to the mountain
Earth underlies all
The essence of passivity
It encompasses the circle
Of life and death

What none can escape
Lends weight to the empty
What none remember
Terminates all roads

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The four directions limn the compass
Of coming and going
Throughout the three times
Cast in the mold
Of Earth's blank countenance

The stone stands beneath
What ponders the invisible
It pinions
What remains inscrutable
Extracting the final payment
Its exaltation
Is incomprehensible

Earth is Time frozen
Within the Vampire's purview
Absorbing life's blood
It congeals thought

"It has always been a rule that the weak should be subject to the strong."

Thucydides

"The essence of power is the ability to keep the initiative."

Robert Greene

"Take mankind in mass, and for the most part, they seem a mob of unnecessary duplicates."

Herman Melville

Powers

Despite the perpetually self-righteous declamations of "white-lighters" and adherents of the Right Hand Path (RHP), the entire *raison d'être* for anyone's study of occult arts is the attainment of extraordinary powers, more commonly known as "siddhi" by our Eastern brethren.

Preternatural powers lie at the core of all esotericism and have been coveted assiduously since the beginnings of human self-understanding. Whether a civilization assumes the relevance of such capabilities to our daily lives or, like ours, derides their very existence matters little.

Living vampires, in particular, thrive in a world circumscribed by a multiplicity of astral forces. In particular, their ultimate success or failure derives from:

- Precisely how they position themselves within the unseen Current of nature,
- If they can act so as to please Bimé, their chief tutelary spirit,
- How effectively they can extract energy from herd-travelers, and
- Whether they can creatively integrate the demands of both material and psychic reality.

As has been noted previously - and in marked contradiction to popular notions - magick does not work in violation of the familiar forces of nature. Rather, it makes use of those forces in subtle ways unfamiliar to the multitude.

Consider electricity. Today no one thinks it remarkable that an invisible and silent force can travel at lightning speed through tiny wires so as to engender light, heat, and mechanical motion virtually at will. Yet were such wonders to be demonstrated in the 16th century, even the most learned would attribute them to occult agencies.

The forces inherent in one's mind-body complex, concentrated and harnessed appropriately, are also capable of producing effects so striking as to border on the uncanny. However, the paradigms of Western thought have been expressly designed to deal only with readily quantifiable and publicly replicable phenomena.

To boil the matter down to its most basic component: Western Cartesian (i.e. scientific) analysis of a given type of event can only take place *if and only if all other things in the cosmos are equal*. While innumerable events can indeed conceptually conform to this narrow restriction, most do not. This is one reason why scientific thinking has brought us no closer to any imagined utopia - or even to simple control of human destiny - than any other paradigm.

Human character and the kingdom of nature are what they are and cannot be circumscribed by any set of rigidified dogmas, no matter how sophisticated. Thus, despite the dreams of parapsychologists, the entire realm of psychic phenomena is now and will be forever closed to Western scientific thought-ways.

This studied blindness, however, has proven a wonderful boon for living vampires!

It was not always so, of course. In ancient Egypt, for example, psychic phenomena were part and parcel of the community zeitgeist, and the reality of astral entities was assumed by all. Great attention was paid to issues arising out of subjective and acausal dynamics - forces that do not merit even passing consideration by today's Cartesian standards. In old Egypt, then, living vampirism had to assume disguises unheard-of today, since even the most naive would be alert to its overt practice.

Our modern brethren need have no such fears. Cartesian materialism has so permeated Western thought-ways that giving even the slightest credence to the reality of non-physical forces quite literally qualifies one as mentally disturbed. In consequence, all types of siddhi, even the most manipulative and destructive, may be exercised with absolute legal impunity.

Powers Worth Pursuing

Ardeth tend to specialize in certain channels of astral work, namely those that offer the biggest returns for the most modest investments of effort. Similarly, they steer clear of pie-in-the-sky operations promising impressive-sounding but vague rewards, like "communing

with one's Holy Guardian Angel (HGA)," attaining "liberation," Nirvana, or samadhi, dissolving into oneness with "all that is," "opening one's heart," etc.

Although there is no question that a variety of interesting oceanic and mystical states may be attained by those willing to sacrifice enormous amounts time and energy, living vampires are too busy enjoying plentitudes offered in the here and now to seriously pursue this type of expensive escapism.

The bottom-line is that Ardeth initiates should not fritter away their precious lives to gain experiences of dubious practical value. If you cannot clearly understand how a given power will directly benefit you, don't waste your time on it. Go only for the gold!

The Art of Gaining Power

Prudence is a virtue. Do not try to obtain too many powers at once, even if you have a great deal of leisure time. Better to concretely master a few siddhi than to scatter one's efforts in vain hopes of striking some kind of astral paydirt.

Many initiates flit from one type of psychic development program to another. This can be compared to digging a well by excavating a hundred small holes: despite one's best intentions, nothing is likely to bubble up.

Learning siddhi directly from a venerable Ardeth mentor is best. Indeed, merely remaining in the presence of such an individual for a protracted period is likely to result in the automatic acquisition of siddhi! But if this is impossible, do your own research through the length and breadth of available occult literature, and do not refrain from contacting Bimé or other prominent demons for key instruction and guidance.

Unless you are naturally gifted, development of any siddhi requires no less than 20 minutes each and every day. However, this author discourages neophytes from dedicating more than 90 minutes per day

unless they are engaged in intensive retreats. As a rule, psychic exertions requiring more than one hour per day prove unduly exhausting and distract the practitioner from tending to important mundane concerns.

When pursuing siddhi, never become discouraged by ostensible stasis or temporary setbacks such as illness. Each power requires that a number of internal and external barriers be forcibly breached: *one lives without power precisely because one thinks, acts, speaks, and even breathes in a rut of impotent habit patterns*. Often simple emotions such as boredom generate barriers more impenetrable than the hardest steel or adamantite stone.

Pinnacles of Achievement

Following is a brief, but by no means exhaustive, review of major siddhi that have traditionally found a place in Ardeth practice. They are particularly prominent in the work of the Orders. Although many initiates have stepped outside the boundaries set by these powers, all erudite occultists are familiar with them, and no living vampire can afford to ignore the considerable benefits conferred by their praxis.

I. Extraction of Living Energy, aka Psychic Exsanguination

This hardly needs to be treated at length here, since it forms the basis for this entire volume, constitutes the primordial root of living vampirism, and is always the first power to be mastered by neophytes.

Psychic exsanguination is thus the *sine qua non* behind all Ardeth activity. Even if initiates spend their entire lives exploring this power, they will never exhaust its potential. Because one cannot gain too much skill in this arena, it is imperative that a portion of each and every developmental session, no matter how brief, be devoted to this fundamental art.

Seasoned vampires can tap into the pranic energy currents of victims with the undetectable subtlety of a tiny mosquito and the impact of a dagger thrust. The act of simply drawing out the entire life force of an

opponent renders complicated curses and works of destruction superfluous.

In addition, experienced Ardetha can imbibe staggering amounts of energy from crowds within the span of a few minutes. This actually narcotizes the group-mind thus targeted, making it unusually susceptible to suggestions that would never otherwise obtain the slightest psychological traction.

Vampires must never forget that anyone who can extract energy can also emplace it. Thus master-vampires automatically acquire the ability to cure both mental and physical illness in themselves and others with startling rapidity. The author has seen long-warehoused schizophrenics regain full lucidity within minutes of exposure to initiated Ardetha who looked upon their plight with favorable intent. In addition, the frequent influx of fresh energy retards the vampire aging process to a remarkable degree: stories of youthful-looking, robust vampires living well past the century mark are not fabrications.

2. Fascination

Fascination is the ability to subvert and steer the nervous systems of others who pass in close physical proximity. A perennial favorite among psychic-power aficionados and comparatively easy to master, fascination is a common handmaiden to works of direct vampirization.

A master of these techniques, the so-called “fascination artist” tunes into the spectrum of nervous energy emitted by a particular target, yogically linking to it. When the connection reaches a certain level, the artist, like a puppeteer, starts pulling the target’s “strings,” i.e. working on nodal points within the target’s nervous system. The victim literally becomes hypnotized on the spot, and the practitioner, according to his or her ability, is free to exploit the target as (s)he pleases.

Even the least developed LHP practitioners (along with hordes of occult dabblers and armchair mages) have experimented with fascination at one time or another. The usual technique is to go into a movie theater, restaurant, or similar venue and concentrate on the back

of a victim's head/neck until the person feels compelled to turn around. That's where dabblers and kiddie-witches usually stop, but those sincerely interested in honing their skill can learn to accomplish a great deal more.

The key, as outlined above, is profound cultivation of how another's nervous system actually "feels."

As implied in our treatment of the Current, all living beings generate and are themselves immersed in dynamic fields of energy, some physically manifest (e.g. electromagnetic or chemical) and some occult. The nervous system and its immediate somatic manifestations, i.e. voluntary and involuntary body movements, are the most direct, real-time indicators of precisely how a person is utilizing and relating to energy.

Aspiring fascination artists spend a great deal of time "reaching into" the nervous systems of other people and animals, so as to significantly expand their accurate perception of them. To do this well, it is imperative that the urge to manipulate (in this particular context) be temporarily put on hold: it is easy enough to reactivate once the time is ripe.

If you are well-oriented in the Current, and your own nervous system becomes quiet enough, you will soon begin to *somatically understand* the dynamic pressures and vacuums perpetually surging through the nervous systems of others. Bit by imperceptible bit, you will be able to inject more and more of your own energy into these foreign nerve conduits.

The theory and practice of fascination could well be the subject of an entire volume in itself; indeed, given how important - and popular! - the topic is even with marginal occultists, it is remarkable that so few thoroughgoing studies have actually been devoted to it. One highly notable exception, of course, is the venerable Hexagradior: arguably the rarest and most coveted of all grimoires.

Readers may count themselves fortunate indeed if they have even perused a few paragraphs of this precious tome. Unlike other handbooks of magick the Hexagradior is wholly devoted to the mastery of life energies as the wellspring of all magickal power and, as such, stands as one of the most informative and edifying of all magickal instruction manuals.

3. Cursing

Adversaries may be encountered anywhere, and no one can reach the pinnacle of art without running into plenty of them!

Because the vampiristic talent to psychically exsanguinate a target to the point of its destruction is not easily attained, there exists the absolute necessity for most initiates to master at least a few effective techniques for cursing. Cursing implies bringing palpable harm to a target, whether the damage be physical, psychological, economic, or social.

When bringing about destruction via magickal means, *there is no substitute for traditional physical links*. Unless one is particularly skilled at operations of destruction - or has friendly connection to an individual with proven abilities along these lines - one must, as a rule, possess one or more of the following to inflict serious damage (their importance is listed in the order given):

- blood, hair, nails, teeth, skin scrapings, and/or bodily fluids
- clothing or accoutrements in close daily contact with the person, e.g. jewelry that is frequently worn
- an authentic signature, handwritten text, artwork, and/or handiwork
- a recent photograph (This is the least effective physical link.)

The favored method is to create a rude poppet or doll incorporating the link, ritually or yogically identify this small mannequin with the target, then symbolically torment and/or destroy it.

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Excellent results can be obtained if some of the materials generated during the curse proper, e.g. candle wax, ash, etc., are subsequently conveyed into the immediate vicinity of the target following the ritual. Although inconvenient, this double- or back-linking - to and from the rite proper - closes a vital circuit of energy.

The more time and emotion you can muster in the service of a curse, the better. Quality curses often take several days to complete. If you have done your work well, you will feel cleansed and invigorated at the end of that period, since you have efficiently directed the appropriately destructive Currents of energy away from your own mind/body complex and toward their goal.

Initiates who are very well-versed in energy work may experiment with cursing by clearly visualizing a stream of black hate and devastation emanating from one's lower solar plexus (QiGong's DanTien center) and entering the target's. This method should only be attempted when the target is sound asleep. Orient strongly to a cleansing, grounding current before and after such a curse in order to seal off the flow of negative energy.

Employing the aid of a familiar, egregore, or occult lodge to fortify a curse can prove wonderfully fruitful. In addition, several Goetic and other demonic spirits are adept at wreaking havoc upon those who have wronged their affiliates and acolytes. As a rule, entities enumerated in the Goetic roster are easier to successfully approach than other demons. Egregores may be created and sent out with the express purpose of annihilating a particular individual.

Sigilization in and of itself is not recommended for cursing because this modality functions poorly when negative assertions assume the primary foci of an operation.

A Provocative New Technique

Occult power has few shortcuts; pursuit of them is almost always a waste of time and the exclusive province of fools. However one of the

most novel and efficacious routes to virtually effortless cursing is now available courtesy of Internet auctions.

A quick search of supposedly haunted, possessed, or cursed materials on the Internet will, at any given time, inevitably turn up a tiny handful of items that are indeed carriers of extremely unfortunate energy. It is not within the purview of this volume to explicate how and why such objects come to exist and exercise this odd function, but suffice it to say that some do, much to the detriment of their possessors.

It is child's play to find these objects, *since they are always the very cheapest of their kind*, often selling for a few cents plus shipping - while being fonts of considerable consternation to their owners. Anyone with a modicum of business experience will be able to turn a discerning eye toward the separation of these hellish little repositories of chaos from scores of frauds and misrepresentations displayed side-by-side with them in the same digital venues.

After purchasing such a tool, simply arrange with the seller - for a few dollars more - to ship the item directly to the target with a brief, innocuous "secret-admirer" or benignly congratulatory note. Few ordinary people lack the empty-headed vanity required to hold onto a gratuitous present, however humble the item and inscrutable the motivations of the benefactor, and the author is aware of several whose initially innocent gain finally blossomed into rather significant losses.

4. Divination

Many are the crossroads in the lives of both predators and prey, and a great deal hinges upon whether or not one takes the right turn in the road at critical junctures. In point of fact, merely identifying which are the critical junctures can spell the difference between success and failure and sometimes even life and death.

Can one actually obtain meaningful insight into the future? How is divination possible? And, if it can be practiced, how much can it really tell us? Philosophers have debated the conundrum of free-will versus predetermination since the beginnings of civilization. Although no

simple answer is proffered here, Ardetha, for centuries, have approached the mystery of fate with an earthy wisdom that can be summarized in fairly pithy terms:

Time resembles a complex Oriental carpet or a symphony. In the former analogy, predestination is the warp; free-will the woof. In the latter, predestination marks the thematic development; free-will the cadenzas. Major events in the lives of individuals and societies are fated to occur, but individuals are free to work out the preponderance of details...And, as the cliché goes, the devil is in the details!

One may also compare the range of phenomena applying throughout a given lifetime with snowflakes: Although no two are actually alike, all must still conform to a rigid sixfold symmetry. Fate determines the overall physiognomic of what occurs, but your own free will forges a range of specific occurrences.

Precisely why certain large-scale events are fated is an impenetrable mystery, much like the value of physical constants such as gravitation and the mass of the electron. Nevertheless, because such monumental time-based structures exist, skillfully executed divination can allow us to glimpse how the landscape of time appears from more elevated perspectives. It cannot, however, be used as a crutch to excuse away or evade what is bound to come.

Literally thousands of volumes have been written expounding divinatory methods, and no two initiates approach this practice in the same way. However, it is possible to distill some salient points:

- Without doubt, *the most accurate Western-style divinatory surveys are conducted via traditional (i.e. no later than Renaissance) astrology*. Celestial indices have been around for a very long time; many powerful intellects have studied how they integrate with terrestrial events, leaving their concatenated findings as research subjects for future sages. Those practitioners, in turn, worked over, reviewed, and refined the theories of their predecessors. Since the

movements of principal celestial bodies are codified and predictable, regularities of these to certain human relationships and dynamics have been observed by the astute time and again.

Traditional astrology, however, is very different from its modern, Jungian, new-age counterpart. Specifically, it is complicated, subtle, difficult both to learn and practice, and extremely time-consuming. Competent traditional astrologers are rare and justifiably expensive to hire. While all authentic Ardeth Orders keep several traditional astrologers on retainer, few lower echelon groups - let alone solitary initiates - can afford this luxury.

- Scrying and the pendulum are perhaps the next-best methods for reconnoitering the terrain of future events. Scrying involves trance information obtained by staring loosely but fixedly through - rather than at - a nondescript surface like a crystal, blackened mirror, water bowl, fingernail, wall, or even the back of your eyelids. The query or problem preoccupying your attention automatically primes your subconscious for extrapolation of appropriate information. The visions or psychomotor biases that emerge are grounded upon the portion of forthcoming events that are predestined.

Scrying can take a bit of patience; a number of excellent volumes address the topic in depth. It is important to remember that trance states intervene - and prophetic vision commences - only after your optic nerve has become fatigued. Thus, the chosen scrying surface usually appears to vanish into a mist or haze. If you can relax at this point and *not* become excited so as to mentally “demand” a vision, the appropriate information will begin to flow of its own accord. In this connection, it should be noted that sometimes the scrying trance will reveal matters of interest through senses or channels other than sight.

Scryers can also receive valuable assistance by ceremonially invoking Goetic spirits such as Vassago who are primarily concerned with augmenting this particular power.

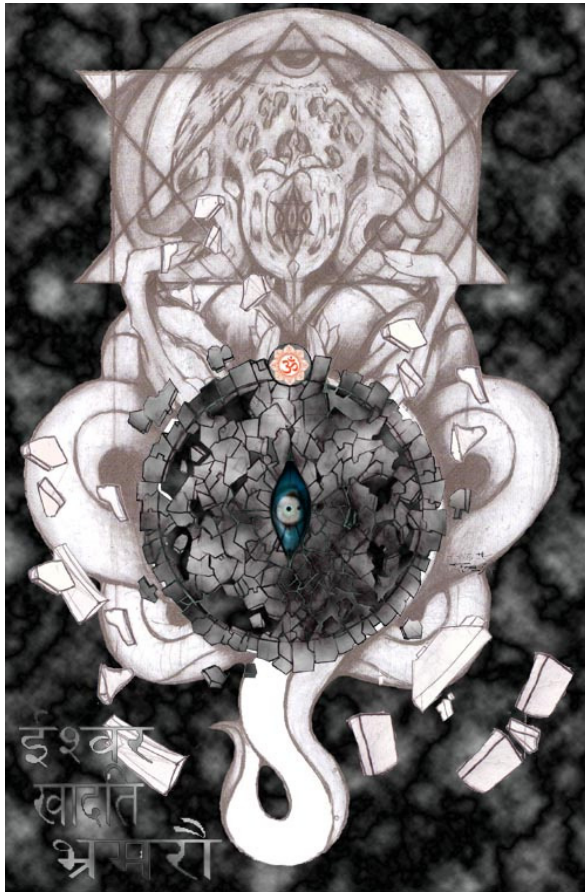
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Employment of the pendulum is simplicity itself. With a little practice, you should be able to ascertain how it moves in response to various easily verifiable queries. Armed with this preliminary knowledge, you may then use it to address more obscure issues. Experienced operators work with the pendulum much like a Ouija board, sans spirit intervention, to yield relatively complex answers.

The last line of divination lies with items like the Tarot or I Ching. Unfortunately, it is far too easy to inject one's own biases into the standard interpretations of the cards or trigrams. Thus, such techniques should only be used when and if you have gained solid proof of their viability.

Because they do not exist in the stream of linear time as we do, nonhuman spirits (i.e. angels, demons, elementals, Enochians, djinn, planetaries, *spiriti loci*, etc.) inevitably possess some measure of insight into future events. However, not every entity of this type is willing or able to share the profundity of its understanding. Nor is such wisdom, even if obtainable, always desirable.

The author has personally witnessed one of the oldest and most feared of demonic spirits make an accurate prediction of events that were to take place fully thirty years into the future. To describe the delivery of this oracle as harrowing would be to understate matters in the extreme: the only other occultist present went stark raving mad on the spot and never completely recovered. Thus it is a serious error to believe, as many RHP practitioners do, that divination is essentially a fun, harmless, and intrinsically low-energy pastime.



Chapter 14: The Great Symbol

Bending the stream
Across the clock's face
From behind the horizon
A hand gestures

Freezing light
Within a heartbeat
Bareback upon nightmare
The bell chimes

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Brushing down
The coat of jasmine
A whirlwind rises
Into the deep

What stirs invisible
Longing triumphant
Embraces what others
Tenderly fear

Mahamudra
Secret of secrets
Seals the Watchtowers
Opens the gates

The Great Symbol
Pinion of action
Pivot of stillness
Glorious terror

No sense but divine
The vampire's calling
Restriction yields
Emanation
And the Third Eye sees

“The cart has no place where a fifth wheel could be used.”

Herbort von Fritzlar

“Let them hate, so long as they fear.”

Lucius Accius

“Necessity hath no law.”

Oliver Cromwell

Ritual

Ritual's sole purpose is to enable fervent devotees to systematically and deliberately connect with regions of the subconscious that are normally difficult or impossible to access.

Ritual must always be undertaken with serious intent and clear-cut goals in mind. It should be possible to definitively say, after the passage of a given period of time, whether or not a ritual was successful. If no such determination is possible, know that your approach to the ritual was egregiously incorrect from the start.

If a ritual fails, consult this chapter in order to seek the reasons, and rectify them before attempting it again. Conversely, if a ritual attains its intended goals, strive to conduct subsequent rituals according to a similar paradigm.

The notion of mechanistic, mindlessly periodic, exclusively celebratory or exoteric social rituals is completely foreign to authentic Ardeth communities, no matter what their level of development. Adherents of spurious vampire associations testify to their misguided mindset with an endless array of annual “rituals” embodying little more than ludicrous mummery and designed to achieve nothing more than public debauchery and a measure of pathetic notoriety.

Rituals may be conducted in a solitary manner or involve relatively large numbers of others. However, the greater the number of participants, the more challenging the operation, since all must share in a deep common vision of means and ends wholly transcending simple, superficial verbal agreement. It has been the author's experience that uniting even three initiates at this profound level constitutes a difficult task. This illustrates but one more reason why membership in higher echelon Ardeth organizations requires such relentlessly rigorous selectivity.

Rituals artificially and deliberately circumscribe thoughts, words, and actions in terms of both time and space. Mundane ritual acts manifested in, for example, novels, wars, paintings, corporations,

symphonies and other such structured works take place within specific areas and possess clearly demarcated beginnings, middles, and conclusions. The concept of a “lifetime ritual” or “free-floating ritual” has no pragmatic meaning or consequence.

While ritual may well incorporate elements of yogic or energetic meditation, sigilization, alchemy, trance, and sensory isolation, it exists as a unique form of action apart from all of these. Secondary components of this type are meticulously choreographed into ritual, if they appear at all.

Virtually all cults and sects are familiar with ritual and utilize it to some degree. Thus every ritual is redolent with a host of factors specifically relevant to its provenance and these, in turn, generally serve to dictate the actual specifics of each operative procedure.

It is also possible, given a little experience and decent connection with the Current, to establish rituals that are unique to a given practitioner and/or specially customized for intended goals. No matter how traditional or progressive, all rituals demand a certain set of requirements: in particular, every dimension of being must be purified, dedicated, and appropriately employed.

The First Master-Key of Ritual Work

One of the great secrets of successful ritual is that each component of the rite has, in itself, been the subject of ritual cleansing and energetic re-orientation. In this manner, *the force of later rituals is fortified by earlier ones*. The more this “pyramiding” of rituals is utilized, the more power is generated through the concluding operation.

For example, say we are planning a typical cursing ritual wherein a poppet will be “baptized” as the target prior to its ceremonial torment and destruction. A few of the necessary items will include (but are not limited to):

- personal effect(s) (e.g. hair, blood, etc)
- the doll proper

- pins/knife
- wrathful incense

Clearly, *personal effects need no further treatment* to fulfill their function to the maximum degree. Because they are part and parcel of the ritual's primary focus, that is, they stand in directly and unequivocally as essential objective representatives of the target, nothing you can possibly do will increase their potency in this context.

The doll proper, unless sewn from the target's own garments, is not so definitively linked, however. Ideally, this item in and of itself should previously have been the subject of a ritual wherein the "baptism" and identification has been confirmed. A nice centerpiece for such a ritual is a prolonged meditation upon the doll as the intended person.

Here, the practitioner should set up the Current to infiltrate the poppet in exactly the same manner as it flows through the designated target. Those who are adept at fascination will find themselves uniquely equipped for such a task. The doll should then be carefully wrapped in silk and put away until its identification is reaffirmed during the central ritual.

If we wished to further enhance the ritual potency of the poppet, we would have to back up one or even two more steps: Cloth used for the item should have then be the subject of ritual cleansing and purification, so that the "baptism" works on a fresh item, uncontaminated with extraneous energies. Similarly, the doll's stuffing should have been chosen from herbs traditionally utilized for linking with the astral bodies of living beings, e.g. ivy, maize, or beans. Growing the flax, cotton, and/or plants from which the poppet is made reinforces the matter even further, provided the agricultural work is itself also transformed and energetically charged via suitable ritual(s).

Related processes may be used with the knife and/or pins. Prior to the primary ritual, these items should serve as the focus of a ceremony cleansing and dedicating them to Martial or Saturnian purposes. Part of these rites would be fumigation of the objects with incense derived

from herbs such as dragon's blood, hellebore, or mandrake and subsequent anointing with oils such as acacia or pennyroyal.

To charge these items even further back along their timeline, one would cast them, in ceremonial venues, from appropriate metals, e.g. iron or lead, during auspicious astrological periods, e.g. when nondebilitated Mars or Saturn is rising or culminating.

In addition, wrathful incenses can be compounded in special ceremonies dedicated to suitable demonic intelligences.

The Second Master-Key of Ritual Work

No effective ritual can take place without the intervention of cathartic emotion. The subconscious can never be stimulated into productive activity via intellectual considerations alone.

Up-tight, dogma-bound modern occultists who are so fond of arrogantly parading titles and grades granted to them by popular lodges would be horrified to learn that legendary practitioners like John Dee and Edward Kelly never cast a magickal circle or triangle in their lives or solemnly intoned newly-invented rites like the Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Pentagram (LBRP).

Similarly, for all the current vulgar respect accorded ceremonial rectitude, most adepts of the past walked an obstacle-strewn labyrinthine way to find their own uniquely potent paths. This is because the critical link between conscious will and subconscious power lies in the harnessing of real emotion rather than empty parroting of obscure words and gestures.

There are no magickal formulae per se except those that are forged out of the initiate's own blood, sweat, and tears. The erudite occultist may find much convincing evidence for this. For example, carefully consider the various documented experiences of Enochian practitioners:

After reviewing the full spectrum of Enochian literature from Elias Ashmole through Mathers, Crowley, and LaVey to trendy urban shamanic experimenters one must conclude that the incredible potency of the rites derives not so much from how they are formulaically constructed as how much of him/herself the sorcerer invests in their preparation and performance.

Successful ritual is never undertaken to provide escapism, entertainment, while away idle time, or offer relief from boredom. Rather, it is a loaded gun that must always be directed with infinite care.

A ritual that works will invariably be marked by a genuine feeling of catharsis, as the emotional tensions that motivated the rite are efficiently transformed into focused energy. Rites with more abstruse purposes often produce great fatigue and somnolence or manic invigoration.

It is vital, then, that you make physical and temporal space in your rituals for full and unequivocal venting of powerful emotions. Inhibitions and prissiness spell the death-knell for effective ceremony.

The Third Master-Key of Ritual Work

Like any magickal operation, ritual operates primarily through activation of the deep subconscious. Therefore, *the art of forgetting is of paramount importance for the sealing and sending forth of ritual energies*. Forgetting on cue is, in fact, much more difficult than remembering, for the very act of willing to forget brings the forbidden thought back into consciousness again!

Nevertheless, if the adept keeps returning to the ritual via memory, all of its potency will be drained off. The situation can be likened to charging a battery, only in this case the battery is the subconscious itself. If after charging, one retests a battery over and over, it will eventually become depleted.

To seal recently activated energies within the subconscious, it is vital that the practitioner fully redirect his or her attention immediately and completely following the conclusion of a ritual. Light, mundane activities or sleep are best for this sort of task.

Thus, as soon as the last ritual light has been extinguished it is recommended that one watch a movie or TV, read a novel, or - if very tired - go straight to bed. Do not use drugs or alcohol to distract your attention, since, as has been noted previously, these substances operate by grossly or subtly warping the natural flow of mental energies at every level.

The more complete the act of forgetting, the more effective the ritual will be. Powerful rites, after a protracted interval has intervened, seem to have existed in a dream state wherein the practitioner is no longer certain exactly what happened - or even if the ritual was performed at all!

Your Operative Tradition

If you are already affiliated with an authentic Ardeth organization, you will be guided by its formulaic ritual traditions. It is recommended that you follow these as closely as possible in both letter and spirit, since they have been sanctified and empowered through many years of successful practice.

If you are a solitary Ardeth or your organization is lower-echelon, you may have to determine for yourself what ceremonial tradition(s) to follow. As you have probably read widely in a variety of occult sources, you may be at least superficially acquainted with a comparatively large and heterogeneous group of ritual practices literally from around the globe.

Modern Western civilization has indeed brought a well-nigh overwhelming plethora of occult traditions to light. In the past, even high-order initiates might have been familiar with the details of, at most, two or three magickal styles outside the purview of their indigenous practice. Today, even the most perfunctory student of

occultism possesses at least passing knowledge of ten or more styles and basic ceremonial formats. More often, this seemingly enviable situation confuses more than enlightens.

Add to this the fact that many serious practitioners have - in spite of numerous well-meaning admonitions to the contrary - actually succeeded in successfully mixing or syncretizing divergent traditions, and we find ourselves in problematic waters indeed!

Does it really matter, in the final analysis, what tradition(s) we employ? Yes, of course, because our ceremonial tradition sets the entire tone of our magickal working. Should successful results of eclectic and synthetic workings make us set caution aside in matters of tradition? No, because such workings are, more often than not, exceptions rather than the rule.

Under these circumstances and before arbitrarily choosing a format because it appears ostensibly attractive, you would do well to perform a divination. The best divination will directly involve Duke Bimé or one of his principal representatives. However, consultation with any suitable Goetic spirit will usually provide more profound and reliable information than a purely solitary working. In the same vein, formally querying any advanced occultist who is adept at divination can prove quite fruitful in unearthing the most productive direction in which to proceed.

Divining matters of this kind strictly by oneself may be likened to trying to conceive a child by masturbating.

The primary reason in these matters to avoid divination that depends solely upon one's own powers is the onerous invisible hand of innate bias: the more you are personally involved with the outcome of a divination, the more likely you are to read the signs wrongs or unconsciously force them in the direction of your own ill-founded prejudices.

Writing Your Rituals

Whatever your ritual's form, it should first be explicitly written out, at least in brief outline. Writing the whole ritual out in advance gives you

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a chance to gain an overview of what is to be accomplished and can save you much time and many headaches.

The process can be likened not only to an intellectual dress rehearsal but also to an intuitive pump-priming that begins to set your inner stage in synch with whatever entity or region you will contact. Begin by noting the precise intent of your ritual, followed by the methods of internal cleansing, and thence on to the remaining specifics.

Although no two rituals are alike, this volume details a general overarching structure that should be adhered to by neophytes. Observe that virtually every magickal rite possesses the following form:

1. Isolation and purification of a “piece” of time and space - particularly including the practitioner’s own mind/body complex.

Magick is inevitably conducted outside of pedestrian reality; that is the first and perhaps most significant condition in making it magick. Thus, each effective rite begins with a definitive separation of the practitioner and his/her environment from the normal current of consensus consciousness.

We commence breaking out of consensus consciousness by voluntarily refusing to follow its familiar behavioral routines. This is the real reason that most rituals begin with a period of fasting and sexual abstention, rather than because of some imagined build-up of pollutions, sins, negative karma, bad thoughts, or similar nonsense.

A sequential nine-hour period of fasting and celibacy is often considered the absolute minimum requirement for shaking loose the bonds of ordinary thought. At the other extreme are periods of intensive retreat like the Western six-month Abramelin working or the Tibetan Bardo Thodol retreat, conducted in complete darkness and silence and extending somewhere between seven days and seven years!

Simultaneously, the adept must work proactively during this preparatory time to systematically purge common thoughts from

his/her mental continuum. Simple yogic one-pointed meditation is a good way to accomplish this.

The ritual space, however humble, must be thoroughly cleared and cleaned. Cluttered spaces, when entered, tend to host distracting ideas. If cleansing a ritual space is impossible, the author recommends conducting the rite - including its purificatory beginnings - in a space that is not closely allied with everyday urban functionality: crypts, caves, cemeteries and their vaults, long-abandoned buildings, desert and mountain wildernesses are excellent. The more empty and surreal such an environment, the better it is for ritual.

At the conclusion of all measures for internal purification and as soon as your physical isolation in the ceremonial space is complete, you may want to formalize and concretize the state you have attained through appropriate words and gestures. Exactly how this is done - or whether it is done at all - is determined by your operational tradition.

For example, while those within the shamanic tradition may choose to eschew behavioral ratification of their exit from normal conscious constraints, those who work within the European occultist framework will now asperge and fumigate the four directions, perhaps casting a circle as well.

As has been noted previously, the quaint belief that a chalk or rope circle can actually repel spirits who otherwise are constrained by neither time nor any physical barrier is absurd. The famous magickal circle is simply one way that we can project the definitive demarcation of ritual space, i.e. space that the practitioner has set aside as dedicated exclusively to occult manifestation.

2. Enacting the spell or work proper. This constitutes the hub or “meat of the rite” that should be undertaken only after the conscious mind has been significantly emptied of overriding pedestrian associations. It is analogous to an archer shooting an arrow only when breath and body are not reacting spastically, and when a reasonably clear view of the target becomes available.

No matter what tradition gives rise to a ritual, the central elements usually have one thing in common: there is an effort to engage all five

senses plus what psychologists are fond of calling “both sides of the brain” plus the primordial or “reptile brain.” Thus, there are no fewer than eight components at work!

Consider again a standard poppet curse:

- (1) Hands touch the doll and manipulate the weapons of torment.
- (2) Nostrils smell the wrathful incense and oils.
- (3) Mouth tastes the blessed draught, ambient herbal essences, and any sacraments and also vibrates the intentions, spells, divine names, mantras, imprecations, etc.
- (4) Eyes see the ceremonial set-up, including graphic correspondences such as colors, directions, representations (i.e. the poppet itself), etc.
- (5) Ears hear the words, crackling of the fire, ripping open of the poppet, echoes, music/drumming, ambient sounds, etc.
- (6) Intellect (left brain) keeps track of what to do according to the plan of the ceremony.
- (7) Intuition (right brain) insures aesthetic and emotional integrity of what is occurring in real time. Also, if visions are seen or voices heard, they are channeled out of this portion of the mind.
- (8) The deep brain, inflamed with the key motivating passion of the ritual, experiences cathartic release, the energy of which ignites the appropriate current of subconscious energy and gives rise to radical transformative reorientation of the psyche.

In other words, enacting any ritual no matter how simple or complex, temporarily fills the full dimensional spectrum of living existence to the exclusion of anything else. It is this uniquely all-encompassing, absolutely coherent focus that gives ritual its unique power to shift the great gestaltic Current underlying the whole of subjective life. When such total focus takes place upon an open, empty, unbiased mental foundation, enormous magical leverage is immediately obtained.

3. Concretization and Sealing. Here one deliberately reestablishes the equilibrated state from which one began - only this time we know that a new complex of astral forces has been put into play. The object, of course, is to leave this new state as undisturbed as possible so that a novel destiny - the one that we desire - can work itself out.

This is the place where the task of forgetting begins, since reenactment via memory is the dynamic most likely to disrupt the configuration of energies that has just been constructed so assiduously. Indeed, members of the herd continually fail at everything they undertake because their lives are so relentlessly preoccupied with obsessive memories of failure.

In the case of the practicing adept, memory is also a servant of the original – i.e. an unsatisfactory - state of affairs. By reaching back into the heart of the freshly galvanized Current, the undisciplined beast of memory gradually uproots it, effectively depriving it of its power. The concluding portions of the ritual are designed to cut the very heart out of such destructive interference.

Whether we are merely obeying the simple injunction not to look back at the site of the final gesture of an earth-magick ritual (such as burying a ritually wrecked poppet in a cemetery at midnight) or enacting a complicated drama of thanksgiving prayers followed by a lengthy series of wand-drawn pentagram and hexagram banishings, we are sealing the gates of our subconscious so that the greater array of circumscribing occult forces can be free to operate unhindered.

Occult rituals may be realistically analogized to surgery (both minor and major). No matter how great the physician's skill and how potent the medicaments, the ultimate healer is the body itself. And that body absolutely requires a period of rest and recuperation, allowing nature to thoroughly work so as to fully restore its optimum state. Conversely, if we were to reopen the surgical wounds again and again to "inspect the progress" of the operation, the only thing we would succeed in doing is killing the patient.

This is also the reason experienced occultists respect an inviolable rule of secrecy for any and all rituals the results of which have not been definitively accomplished. Ritual, like the proverbial hermetic vessel, loses its power once its seal has been disturbed. No matter how slight the incursion of alien forces, they are invariably enervating to ritual purpose.



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Though life is motion
Hand and Eye must find repose
Within the spinning poles of notion
Change crystallizes
Unfolding each vermillion petal
Of the Sanguine Rose

The compass' four,
Zenith, nadir, and center
Unite to show the vampire's form
When the waters of death enter
Another king is born

A scale to measure every breath,
Heart's pulse and wayward thought

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Cast in Salt, Sulfur, Mercury
The herd's resistance naught

While every will
Doth have its way
And fools grasp straws to win
The wise ones drenched in crimson
Fashion cages made of sin
And the locks that closet certainty
Click combinations o'er
Look to the wind that turns the wheels
To ratchet down the door

Upon the finest pivot-point
A Balance is decreed
That holds the best
Scatters the rest
Winnowing lust from need
Equipoise's echo
Resounds straight on through screams
Filling emptiness with silence
That enshrouds Lord Shiva's Dreams

“He knows not how to know who knows not also how to un-know.”

Sir Richard Francis Burton

“The public be damned.”

William Henry Vanderbilt

“Life is an end in itself, and the only question as to whether it is worth living is whether you have enough of it.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Equilibrium

Those extraordinary chiefs who sit enthroned at the very pinnacle of living vampirism, who drive the social order according to their

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adamantine will, who dispense at their pleasure bounties and torments, life and death, have established their invincible governance upon a foundation of perfect equilibrium.

An Ardeth may have economic, political, and psychic power in abundance and still be numbered among lesser lights. What ultimately differentiates the master from the slave is that the former remains in equilibrium for protracted periods while the latter falls repeatedly and irregularly from that state.

Thus equilibrium, for the initiate, is the quintessential master key that lays bare every secret and unlocks every door. The herd does not even think of it, the aspirant continually strives for it, and the hierarch definitively possesses it.

Equilibrium means instantaneously setting all aspects of life's dynamics into balance with the Current. So subtle is equilibrium that it cannot be seen, heard, or measured, yet it determines everything. Lao Tzu's original formulation of the Tao derives wholly from it. Where it exists, even the most outlandish desires come to fruition; where it is absent, even the greatest efforts will prove to be in vain.

Not only in the realm of physics does every action have an equal and opposite reaction. If the reciprocal interplays of events and situations are accurately anticipated, one can move mountains. If, on the other hand, one is surprised by them, then even the surest footing is soon fated to become treacherous.

Here the neophyte should beware: This secret practice of equilibration has nothing whatever to do - and must not be confused - with false and cowardly doctrines like karma or the so-called Wiccan Rede. It is, rather, a recognition of the crucial role that profound psychological balance plays in every successful endeavor - as well as how delicate that balance really is.

The best way to study equilibrium is by thoughtfully contemplating the life histories of those who have clearly attained it. This does not appear hard to do, since its sole hallmark is the long-term realization

of power. But the task is obscured by the plethora of cunning words propounded by those illustrious individuals themselves solely for the purpose of dissimulation.

Our first lesson in equilibrium is thereby illuminated: *Words exist primarily to conceal or misrepresent deeds.* Or, in Tallyrand's beautifully diplomatic prose: "Speech was given to man to disguise his thoughts."

The most appalling acts may be done in the open provided they are cloaked in the proper verbal sheathing. For example, murder, if perceived as such, is a heinous crime. But the taking of life under the rubrics of war, euthanasia, self-defense, innocent error, etc. casts off its garment of offensiveness and becomes praiseworthy.

Similarly, theft on its own terms is a crime, but proactive collection of debt, taxation, and seizure of disputed remuneration are either lauded or scarcely noted by civil law.

Deeds alone or committed with truthful explanations elicit one set of responses, but deeds performed under the cover of verbal camouflage have another impact entirely. Masters of equilibrium have become proficient in the art of verbal illusion, so the thrust of their activities is always hidden beneath a veil of misdirected allusion. Problems arise, however, when trappers inadvertently become ensnared by elaborations of their own mechanisms.

The unfortunate reactivity of which we speak here also embraces a strictly internal dimension. Herd reflexes are so tightly ingrained that living vampires not infrequently fall back upon their uninitiated tendencies, unconsciously punishing themselves for "sins" against the masses or their representative peons.

The cunningly conceived duplicities that upper-echelon Ardetha imprint into their slaves as a "conscience" comes back to haunt neophyte vampires in a variety of unpleasant forms, both intellectual and astral. One of the first tasks of equilibration is the purging of these

remnants, so that aspirants' authentic inclinations and energetic Currents may emerge unhindered and burgeon with each use.

The Secret Grimoire of the Blazing Star

Pragmatic, comprehensible occult teachings concerning equilibrium are few and far between. The value of such instruction far outweighs any dry ceremonial procedure or formulation of natural magick, because solid equilibrium is instantly serviceable as both a tool and a weapon. Unmoved by any circumstance or vicissitude, it offers the means whereby even the most benighted of initiates may rise to stupendous heights.

Following is a concentrated set of teachings derived from hand-written notes and oral instruction: it is a magical how-to text of a very different type, a pithy series of lessons in attaining your own occult center of power.

This center possesses an extraordinary value for the initiate. Archimedes once remarked, "Give me a place to stand, and I will move the earth." The very same principle of leverage is presented here, except that the area of action is one's entire mental continuum rather than mere physical space.

This Grimoire of the Blazing Star is so-called because it provides the astute student with a bright fulcrum from which to launch inexorable power through every moment, power that is his or her birthright as a living vampire.

The Revelation of the Mirror

Equilibration is founded upon objective self-observation. Contrary to popular belief, the best times to conduct such reviews are those as close as possible to incidents spontaneously generating powerful emotions. *Emotions only serve as forces of disequilibration when they answer to herd reflexes: what remains are part and parcel of the true vampiric personality.*

Look carefully, then, not only at what your emotional abreactions are but also at precisely how they manifest in your own mind/body continuum. Suppose you are trying to conduct some business mandated by forces greater than yourself: paying a bill, for instance. Let us say that someone steals your payment from the mail, necessitating both repayment plus penalty and substantial efforts on your part to avoid suffering further economic compromise at the hands of the thief.

Most of those who have risen out of the masses undergo acute discomfort at many points along such a chain of incidents. Their equilibrium is thereby lost many times over, increasing their pain and confusion and, most importantly, rendering them ever more psychologically impotent as time progresses. This is because, as members of the great human herds, they have been trained up for the better part of their lives in the capacity of servient dogs who must tremble at the first sign of insecurity or their faceless masters' censure.

Ardetha who foster disequilibrium in others in order to better advance their own interests have strewn the field of herd-life with galvanizing seeds of fear at every point. When a neophyte resumes assimilation of this psychic poison, progress on the path of living vampirism becomes impossible. The original sowers then glean a double benefit: they significantly reduce competition from other Ardetha even as their plans lead the uninitiated to their doom.

Disequilibrating forces cannot be summarily rejected: rather, they are deprived of their impetus by the simple act of profound recognition. Using the example above, at some time when frustration, anger, worry, anxiety, and/or mental discomfort reach a peak, merely strive to come back into contact with the fundamental energetic Current literally for one single minute.

At first, even the effort to do this will be thwarted by countervailing tendencies. But after the tenth, twentieth, hundredth, or thousandth time, you will manage to connect. And the revelation you receive will be worth the effort you have expended ten times over!

The Thrall of Demonic Infusion

The guiding entities of living vampirism epitomize equilibrium, though they are not encumbered, as we are, by garments of mortal flesh. Those who live under their aegis therefore may, by striving to actively express aspects of demonic intelligence, approach and subsequently reinforce the ideal state more closely. This has been traditionally been called the Thrall of Demonic Infusion, since we voluntarily submit our actions to the Current of demonic equilibration.

Our disequilibrations are most obvious in those arenas where we feel entirely impotent.

To engage the Thrall, first choose a method of free expression that is most foreign to your history, lifestyle, talents, and inclinations. That is, if you are notoriously poor at drawing, painting, or sculpting, choose to activate the Thrall via one of those media. If you have a difficult time constructing cogent sentences or paragraphs, utilize writing as the objective of this exercise. More adventurous and intellectually astute neophytes can even select more practical areas of obvious deficiency such as business, mathematics, refined social skills, etc., although the instructions below must then be significantly modified in order for the Thrall to take hold.

At midnight, on the new or full moon, inscribe the sigil of Bimé on a small piece of parchment with your own blood. If Bimé or one of his ambassadors has conveyed a secret sigil to you, use this instead. Although this grimoire has been expressly designed for Ardeth use, those who have been duly initiated by demonic entities other than Bimé may use appropriate seals in lieu of his. When the sigil has dried, wrap it in good silk.

When you are ready to begin the Thrall, enter a secluded area, expose the sigil, and place the primary media before you. Slowly and gently blur the focus of your concentration so that it rests on nothing in particular. Then allow your body to idly work with the media.

Make sure that what you create will be preserved. If you are painting or writing, the canvas or paper performs that function automatically. If you are singing or playing an instrument, have a recording device nearby.

Do not seek to accomplish or achieve anything, simply allow your body/mind complex to immerse itself in the flow of your activity.

At the start of this type of exercise, you should quit after a few minutes. Do not evaluate what you have done until at least twelve hours have passed; simply leave the area. After the requisite interval, take up what you have created and inspect it *from every angle* for at least ten minutes. If you notice absolutely nothing unusual, continue working on the same thing, or destroy it and go on to a new one.

Work for somewhat longer times each session. At some point, often when completely oblivious to your conscious sensibilities, you will come back and observe the rudiments (or sometimes more!) of a surprisingly complex creation, one that you never intended to manifest and that quite clearly *reflects the intervention of an intelligence that is not your own*.

Use your conscious abilities to rework what has manifested, then start the process over again. In time, you will note a significant improvement in the overall quality of your work. Each time there is a noticeable jump in refinement and sophistication, meditate deeply upon the product before beginning to create the next.

But the object of this exercise is not to turn the graphically benighted into budding Michelangelos or the tongue-tied into world-class poets. Instead, the real substance of what is happening is twofold: (1) progressive melding of your own subconscious processes with those of the demonic chief and (2) the presentation of solutions to your equilibrium problems via the selected media. For *as you contemplate the various sequential productions of this exercise, you will find that they have a crystal-clear message for you, one which cannot be easily expressed any other way*.

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Messages of this sort have unique valence because they are not presented externally, rather they have grown organically from your own intimate inter-relationship with a superior - and far older - intelligence. What they say, when taken to heart, can alchemically transform confusion into certainty and weakness into strength.

The Palaces of Golden Illusion

Disequilibrium takes control of our thoughts and subsequently our lives when we have not sufficiently absorbed the lessons of our demon mentors. *By allowing slave-based concepts to drive us, instead of the other way around, we empower those toxic notions - and their creators as well.*

Ardetha must never forget that they have, by the force of their own courage and will, birthed themselves into royalty and so must create palaces of golden illusion in which to dwell. These mental structures, harder than diamond, are organized, constructed, and maintained by the extracted labor of herd-slaves, who are perpetually kept whirling between poles of hope and terror.

To the masses, common concepts are as weighty and unyielding as stone and steel. Ardetha know otherwise and pride themselves on taking advantage of that knowledge at every turn. This exercise aptly named the Palace of Golden Illusion will teach you how to play with mundane concepts instead of being played by them.

Engineer a statement dealing with the external world that you know to be false, then assert it as a proven fact. The more people who receive your assertion, the more powerful (and challenging!) this working will be.

To begin, you may want to promulgate your statement to only one or two others; those who have succeeded in attaining a more stable degree of balance can, by addressing hundreds or more, turn this simple working into a major occult operation designed to usher in numerous salutary effects. Similarly, the more outlandish the assertion, the more difficult (and ultimately revelatory) this exercise will be.

The Palace of Golden Illusion is fully constructed only after you have first manipulated your subject(s) into believing the spurious declamation and then afterwards reverse the very belief you have created. The net effect of all of this will shake you to the core, proving to still-untrained areas of your subconscious that all concepts are utterly empty of real substance and thus subject to arbitrary creation and destruction. (In some advanced operations, there may be no need to annihilate the idea at the conclusion of the working, but we will not deal with those exceptions here.)

After putting forth your statement for the first time, carefully note your audience's reactions: they will probably be powerfully negative. Strive to feel this flowing negativity as an unruly part of the Current rather than something real and substantial. Make an effort not to take your listeners' reactions personally: remember, you are the puppeteer, the one who is ultimately running the show.

Center and balance yourself, and calmly reverse their disbelief and accusations. On occasion, you must feign anger to accomplish this, since some are only swayed by displays of vehemence, but be careful to insure that you are acting rather than reacting. Remain poised and alert as you question the roots of their disbelief and dismantle the foundations of their doubt.

Here is a brief sample dialogue to give a better flavor for how you must position yourself in this stream of verbalization:

Ardeth: Did you know the clear sky is actually green and not blue?

Peon: Are you nuts? It looks blue to me - always has!

A: That's just an optical illusion. Not many people know that, though.

P: Well how come everybody else says it's blue?

A: Their vision is being fooled. Like with a mirage.

P: I don't understand. Fooled how?

A: The sky is actually so green that your brain can't handle it, so it tells you that it's really blue.

P: Where'd you get that crap?

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- A: Scientists, of course. They wrote an article about in the last issue of *Physical Review Letters*. Didn't you hear about it?
- P: But we still call it blue, right?
- A: Only if you're ignorant...

Each and every mundane concept without exception is infinitely plastic: it can be molded and styled in an artful fashion, serving some ultimate end. The vital ends are invariably determined by ruling elites, that is, the supreme Ardetha.

Concepts which have the most potent effects are usually those presuming to touch upon matters of ostensible good and evil. In fact, good and evil have no existence apart from the agendas of those who seek to delineate them for the masses. Note well that these "definers" never at any time hew to their own standards, although they expend enormous effort to create that very impression.

Once you have succeeded in foisting your falsehood upon your chosen subject(s), make certain that they are fully committed to their new way of thinking by encouraging them to convince others. If you actually observe this process in action, you may be sure that you have succeeded in the first stage of the exercise.

Having completed the initial portion, concentrate on annihilating the spurious notions you have created. The techniques are exactly the same: this demonstrates the thoroughgoing unreality of all doctrines and paradigms. Such ideas exist not as reflections of anything substantial but only as sticks and carrots for those who do not know any better.

The Equinoctal Mirror

If initiates are bold enough they may employ a simple secret technique that forcibly engenders equilibrium very rapidly: the Equinoctal Mirror. The difficulty here is that if the neophyte lacks sufficient maturity or fundamental psychic stability to begin with, (s)he will quickly find raving madness instead of reinforced balance.

Although the author would be seriously remiss if he neglected to detail this process, a prudent approach is nevertheless recommended. Look within: If you have a nervous temperament or your doubts outweigh your commitment, the best advice is - do not attempt! Neophytes are under no obligation to gain the treasure of equilibrium at breakneck speed.

How dangerous is the Equinoctal Mirror? The redoubtable Aleister Crowley tried an abbreviated version of this practice with the chief Enochian cacodemon Choronzon. Crowley claimed success although he was visibly unnerved by the experience, and the precise nature of his results is debated to this day. Tibetan Tantrikas offer another version to advanced yogis with their Chod Rite. About half of those who commence the Rite become mentally ill for greater or lesser periods; the remainder gain high repute for their remarkable powers of self-mastery.

For best effect, the Equinoctal Mirror must be simultaneously carried out on two planes: the material and the astral. While both Crowley and the Tantrikas contented themselves with the astral component alone, no Ardeth luminary would recommend such a lopsided method.

As we have repeatedly emphasized in this volume, all humans, even the most doctrinal materialists, move and have their being in both physical and astral dimensions. If we are striving for ultimate equilibrium, why would we operate from an unnatural bias?

The First Axis of the Mirror

Choose any prominent societal leader. (The odds are that (s)he is an initiated Ardeth!) Now make an honest list of what you think that person's beliefs are. The notion of honesty is stressed here because a fair percentage of what powerful individuals (and all Ardetha) say is designed for mass consumption and thus the exact opposite of what they truly believe. Often this task is easier if you pick a long-deceased leader like Napoleon, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, Cardinal Richelieu, or Augustus Caesar, since historical hindsight has cooled the blinding

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passions of their eras and allowed a glimpse into the personality lying behind their formerly seamless masks of propaganda.

For example, virtually all politicians must make a show of egalitarianism but their actions - sometimes coupled with a few offhand remarks - can often provide authentic indications of underlying motives and beliefs. Using the latter, put together your list. (Note: A purely intellectual task like this will already put a strain on those who should not proceed further!)

Lay the list aside for a few days, so the notions embodied therein will impact your attention more forcibly when they are again reviewed. When you peruse the document again, write down your instantaneous gut reactions to each and every point as soon as you read them. Again, strive for absolute integrity. If done correctly, you will have just now generated a list of your own predominant weaknesses.

Begin working through this new list by communing with the Current as you contemplate each personal fault. You should feel a real twinge of defensiveness as you hold each defective characteristic in your mental purview. In fact, this acute feeling of embarrassment and discomfort is a good measure of how effective this Axis of the operation will be.

After you have become familiar with the list, strive to eliminate each mental handicap one at a time. At this time and only at this time should you begin to work in the second Axis - the astral - of the Equinoctal Mirror.

How should you start eliminating such deep-rooted, counterproductive complexes? *Proactively change both your thoughts and actions in the appropriate direction.* A few examples will suffice to drive the procedure home.

Say you have found that you actually believe in the value of the concept of fair play. (No leader of any significance has ever been enamored of such a ludicrous notion, despite the avalanche of propaganda created to the contrary!) Still, you involuntarily cringe

whenever you feel those in positions of power have “abused their authority” (a contradiction in terms if ever there was one) by taking whatever they could from whomever lacked the means of effective resistance.

Commence dismantling the structure of this egregious defect at its every point of support. Offer help to those whom you previously saw as exploiters. Or better, yet look for some legal way to partake in the exploitation yourself.

Observe and stop the thought processes that continually link you with losers and victims. Begin identifying with the strong and victorious.

The Second Axis of the Mirror

When you truly believe you have exhausted the work on yourself purely via psychological approaches, you are ready to embrace the astral axis of the Equinoctal Mirror.

Pick a demon or create an egregore who embodies the strengths and virtues you want to assimilate. To find an appropriate demonic entity, the best course of action is to consult Bimé or one of his representatives: they will often indicate an exceptionally high-ranking spirit such as Apollyon, Kali, Sammael, or Beelzebub.

The middling way is to employ a trusted associate who is experienced in divination, or use a tool like the pendulum, skrying, or the Tarot. The least effective way is to pick a demon based solely upon an intellectual study of traditional characteristics. In any event, prolonged and profound contemplation of the chosen entity should, from the first, scare the daylights out of you. If it does not, you are probably barking up the wrong astral tree.

The best egregores for this purpose are the creations of other Ardetha, since such entities are least likely to be subtly biased in your favor. However, if you opt for creating an egregore yourself, make certain that you prove its power through a variety of tests. Ideally an entity of this kind should have been reinforced over a long period of time

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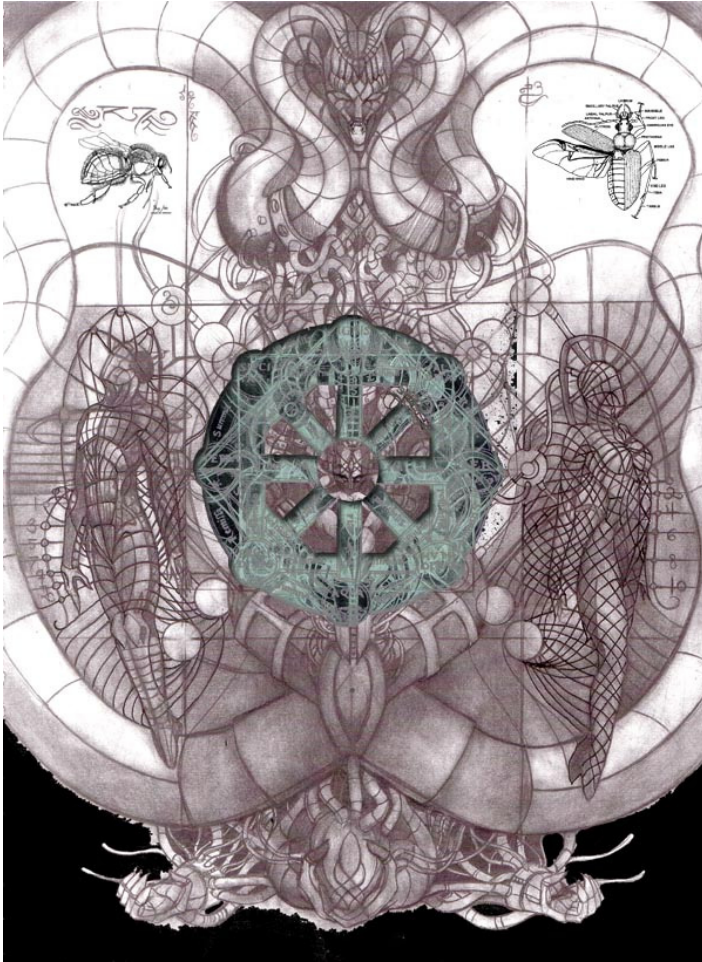
through multiple offerings of blood. The Equinoctal Mirror is the only operation wherein an egregore may be invoked rather than evoked.

When the appropriate entity has been selected or generated, call it forth to as concrete a manifestation as possible and then invoke with the following words:

Through the sacred rites and by the invincible power of Grand Duke Bimé, eternal Prince of the Sanguinary Ardetha, I now call and invoke you (name of the entity) to take up your abode in the center of my being. Purify me, O (name the entity), destroying every last particle of my soul's putrid dross. Seal me into the still center of our cosmos' whirling void. Your lashing, crimson arms burst through my mortal frame in the East. Your black maws gnash my brains in the North. Your excrement flows forth to fill my lungs in the West. In the South, your breath disintegrates me into dust. I dissolve into nothing: Lo (name the entity) we are one!

If you have done this invocation correctly, all of your mundane concepts will be forcefully extinguished, and you will experience what the Tibetan Tantrikas call the Clear Light, an absolutely unconditioned state of pure consciousness.

The brutally unequivocal nature of (your second!) initiatory death experience brought about by this type of operation will allow you to profoundly and rapidly imprint key Ardeth values as central components of your personality.



Chapter 16: The Cycle of the Firmament

Sixty and three hundred arrows
Divide the blackened sky
Upon red thrones
Built of man's bones
They set their frightful cry

Each emanation multiple
With faces by the score

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Who thinks he sees
The mortal keys
Will hear King Paimon's roar

Awake, asleep the cities' crash
Reverberates the night
The Void to know
With eyes that glow
And rage with bestial might

When Alpha and Omega
Gird the chessboard round
The Vision and the Voice alone
Nowhere can be found
And the beaked Aeon of Horus
Hustles to the wing
Chosen on the high road
A flaming sword to bring

Hands grip the shining scepter
By Wisdom's starry face
Turning the combination
Of Heaven's ruling race

Effulgent with the Midnight Sun
Descending far and near
Sons and daughters of the Demon
Shedding not a tear
Striking the Quarters open
Riding upon the blast
Inscribing Fate
On every Gate
To the horizon passed

The Round now stands completed
Each Watchtower at its place
Each Ardeth is a Touchstone
Contemplating Grace

Pylons of flame defend it
From the profane and vile
While each heir apparent
Stands upon one tile

To share your heart with Lucifer
And your meal with Beelzebub
Your inmost soul with Ashtaroth
Apollyon, your life's hub
Is to touch the Cosmic Current
And enter in the Stream
Of life and death, Demonic breath
Yet to the herd unseen

“Though chosen, you tremble, and in hesitating you sin. Do not therefore hesitate to know the mind and the flesh; but obey me...All these things are from me, and are permitted to you.”

The Enochian Entity Madimi

Conclusion

While this text should be studied closely by aspiring Ardetha, its primary value lies in the considerable benefits afforded through its assiduous practice. Theory is only as valuable as the actions it motivates. If the most profound secrets of the universe could be written down yet never transcended the desks of scholarly perusal, the net effect would be as if they had never been revealed at all.

Ardetha, as all devotees of the Left Hand Path, value only results. And their first care must ever be for their own welfare and material advancement.

As the historian Ibn Khaldun noted centuries ago, even the most noble bloodlines cannot maintain their hegemony without periodic reinvigoration. In particular, he cited case after case of powerful

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Ardetha who could not, despite commanding enormous resources, sustain their Houses past five generations.

The situation is no different today, when old-stock living vampires cling to the illusion that they are empowered solely by virtue of their progenitors' accomplishments. A rude awakening is in store, an arousal testified to through every moment wherein new generations of Ardetha move to the same heart-pulse and ride out upon the same tide of breath.

The coursing blood of the Ardetha surges from Bimé's secret core and ever returns to it again. It is a force of Nature that can neither be reasoned with nor denied.

The towering tidal wave and the dead calm of the level sea are manifestations of the same ocean. The lion and the wildebeest are born and die on the same veldt. Cattle and herdsman spring from and return to the same dust.

Ardetha and those upon whom they feed differ only in their innate approach to human life. Life itself means inequality; only in death are beings equal. Ardetha know this truth, not by intellection, but from the most profound depths of their souls; others do not.

The inequality of predator and prey, master and slave, ruler and peon is the one Law of Nature. Those who attempt to deny or escape this Law are not worthy of life and so are perennially taken by those who are. Ardetha are those who completely understand - and thus are able to thoroughly master - life.

But no one can climb the steps of mastery in a single leap. Persistence and invincible confidence in one's own abilities are required. Although there is no absolute guarantee of success, there is a sure guarantee of failure for those who do not expend their highest efforts.

Those who desire to become Ardetha with passionate intensity and who take heed of the hitherto hidden teachings of this book will rise above the numbed masses of their fellows and become conquerors.

And the fruits of their conquests will taste sweet to them in their own lifetimes.

Two Measures of Progress and One Method to Insure It

Neophytes on the Ardeth's Labyrinthine Path understandably wonder how they are shaping up. Because their progress is intrinsically nonlinear, uncertainty and doubt arise, often taking on the onerous lineaments of serious obstacles if they are permitted to persist. Thus, it is important to have some way of taking stock of one's progress, so goals may be set realistically.

At this point, it should almost go without saying that the best single indication of vampiristic ability is success in the material sphere. If your practices have clearly placed you in positions of increasing wealth and power, you need harbor no doubt that you are indeed on the right track. This is the first and most definitive method of understanding one's true place in the universe of living vampires.

But what if matters are somewhat more nebulous? What if progress in one direction appears to be overbalanced by retreat in another? Or suppose that despite one's best efforts, not much of any consequence seems to be happening?

The occult side of our nature embraces hidden dimensions, where significant phenomena may well be veiled. In such cases, then, the best indicator of achievement lies in the recall and control of nightly dreams. So important are dreams that the Tibetan Tantric and BonPo Drugpas (Asian Left Hand Path adepts) have a special yogic practice devoted entirely to them. Dreams represent the second method of ascertaining one's overall performance, but they also offer a unique and often overlooked byway to psychic mastery itself.

Recognizing and Entraining Dreams

The goal of Dream Yoga is simple: After stabilizing a good recall of nightly dreams (anything more than 50% is acceptable), the practitioner learns to recognize in real time whenever (s)he is actually

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operating within a dream. This state, called “lucidity”, instantly allows manipulation of dream conditions.

Repeatedly producing willed changes of this kind can be likened to attending a psychic gymnasium, wherein all of one’s astral “muscles” are strengthened and toned. In addition, virtually every traditional occult operation may be carried out directly - and very effectively – right from the dream state itself.

The subject of lucid dreaming has recently received quite a bit of popular attention since the existence of this heretofore theoretically “impossible” state of consciousness was definitively proven in university laboratory sleep studies. A number of excellent books on the subject remain in print, but the methods they enjoin to attain lucidity are often tedious and unnecessarily demanding.

The true secrets of mastering Dream Yoga, on the contrary, are easy to incorporate into one’s daily routines. They have been known and promulgated in Ardeth Lodges for centuries and can be simply summarized as follows:

- Full dream recall requires that you transcribe each nightly dream as it concludes. However, if you attempt to do this from the start, you will find, to your chagrin, that incredible inertia and extreme fatigue rapidly overpower your will to continue entering information in your dream journal. The usual result is that outstanding achievements obtained in the beginning, on the crest of energetic enthusiasm, soon trickle down to nothing as the desire for uninterrupted rest overwhelms the sense of novelty.

You can, however, utterly uproot and destroy this deadening inertia by a simple incremental device. At the start of your dream recall practice, resolve to inscribe *only one word* of description for each dream recalled. Once you have stabilized this - and not before - move on to three words of description per dream and no more. You will immediately notice how little energy this takes and how easily you can fall back into a restful

slumber from which vivid and memorable dreams arise. Once this has stabilized, move on to just a single sentence of description - then finally to several sentences or more. At each stage in this progression, you will notice that the fatigue which obfuscated your exit from and reentry into the dream state gradually dissipates, and you have developed the inner strength required to facilely move back and forth between waking and vivid dream.

In this manner you will have painlessly set up the foundation for authentic lucidity and the actual practice of Dream State Yoga. Move on to the next steps when you are successfully recording detailed versions of 3-4 dreams per night.

- To generate lucidity per se, ask yourself if you are dreaming *just once each day - but only when you are experiencing a strong positive or negative emotion*. One of the best times to do this is during sexual orgasm or physical pain.
- *The moment you recognize in a dream that you are dreaming, violate some physical law immediately*. Walking through a wall is good; so is jumping up into the air and flying. The resultant effect is that you will not have sufficient time to logically reflect on the recognition process and inadvertently wake up. At the same time, you will significantly strengthen your astral body for future work.
- As you gain skill in recognizing and then instantaneously seizing control of the dream state, a thousand doors will open to you. Not the least among these is the ability to intuit precisely what your level of Ardeth mastery really is.

Final Good Wishes

Members of the Supernal Orders of the Ardetha hold a hoard of secret treasures, enjoy many forbidden pleasures, and rule the teeming masses of the Earth with an iron hand in a velvet glove, as they have for millennia. It is rare that any accurate information dealing with

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living vampirism is released on a wide scale; thus, the publication of this material marks a unique nodal point in occult history.

This Book is written at the turn of the 21st century, which will be noted in future eras as a particularly exciting time for aspiring vampires. The loathsome veneer of liberal humanitarianism and pluralistic tolerance which marked public discourse during the past two-and-a-half centuries is, at long last, coming to an end. It will be replaced by a pragmatically frank and direct approach, wherein both masters and slaves acknowledge - and even honor - their respective places in the universal scheme of things. Mealy-mouthed euphemisms are losing their valence; the uninitiated herd can already smell the stench of coming slaughters and are evincing an increasing eagerness to kneel before their new gods.

Pacifistic ideals and rhetoric are rapidly crumbling before the realities of perpetual war. Rather than the exception, violence will become the daily rule, so the innumerable dregs of society may be swept up like so much garbage as an example to the rest. 21st century empires will demand absolute fealty from their subjects, and upcoming ranks of Ardetha, who have cut their teeth on the wisdom of this Book, will act as a scourge to wipe out every trace of dissent and nonconformity. In doing so, they will enrich themselves on a scale unprecedented in history.

Many who today style themselves as living vampires, reflexively depending upon old ways and blind habits for fulfillment, will find, to their horror, that they are no longer tolerated by those whose senses are keen, whose hunger is fresh, and whose ruthlessness knows no bounds.

This brief volume, written at the direct behest of the Ardeth Secret Chiefs, opens the door to the glories of the authentic Ardeth Cathedral, but only by a crack. What shows within may indeed be adjudged grisly or glorious, but it is the naked truth. It is up to the reader whether to pass through this portal triumphant...or close it again in fear. True living vampires are prudent yet fear nothing, for they know their lives do not represent a lasting beneficence.

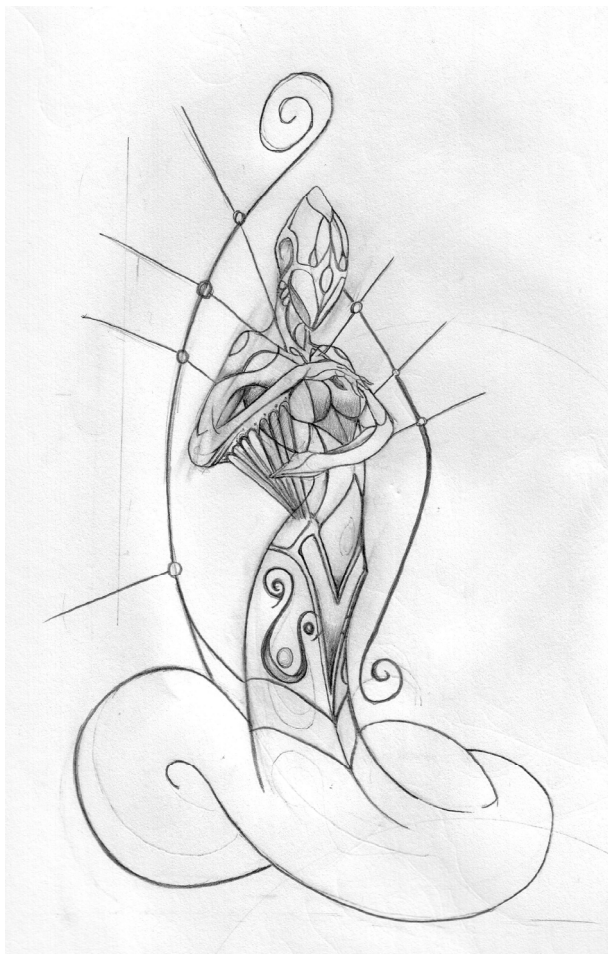
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Those who are courageous, intelligent, and tenacious enough to carefully follow the instructions given herein will be afforded an uncompromising understanding of both themselves and others. In so doing, they will be elevated far above the cowering common herd and will receive powers fully in accord with their comprehension. To use those powers to the fullest is to be an Ardeth - a ruler - in the noblest sense of the word.

In the merciless jungle of life, living vampires are at the pinnacle of the food chain. Unlike dumb animals, however, Ardetha have deliberately chosen their lifestyle. Although no life is lived without pain, predators have the best of everything and experience the unbridled joy of treading upon their prey like a carpet. If this is what you truly desire, do not hesitate, but hasten to take the first steps upon the Ardeth Path. Bimé awaits you upon the threshold, and the good wishes of the authors and all the Demons ever abide with readers of this book who strive for more.

El-Kanor Melphar Ha-Noor-Pay

Ave!



“A false conclusion once arrived at and widely accepted is not easily dislodged, as the less it is understood, the more tenaciously it is held.”

Georg Cantor’s Law of Ignorance

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Note: Entering the ranks of living vampires arises preeminently as the fruit of action as opposed to study. Nevertheless, a good intellectual background can be an indispensable aid to penetrating the inner sanctum of the Ardetha. In addition, an understanding of the underlying political dynamics that have moved men and nations throughout recorded history offers vital perspectives to those who would rise to power and privilege today.

Following are just a few volumes that may be of more than passing interest for the sincere aspirant. Caveat - much more has been omitted than included! Unsurprisingly, the preponderance of these books has been penned by outsiders. Thus, it presents a provocative plethora of keys, some unspeakably precious and others completely valueless. Even reading requires active discrimination and awareness, if it is to ultimately prove productive. In the final analysis, it is entirely up to you to open the Gates that permit entrance upon your personal vampire Path.

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